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We all want to live in a safer America, both those supporting and those opposing this bill. We just have vastly different beliefs about what makes us safer. When I look at the data around gun violence what I see is 18-20 year-olds committing 3 times the homicides of adults. And more children dying due to firearms than any other cause. The opposition will argue that this bill makes buying a firearm too difficult, and I would say it should be harder to obtain a deadly weapon than it is. The opposition will say that any limitations on their ability to own any type of firearms is a violation of their second amendment rights. I would argue that their right does not prohibit regulations that carefully balance their owning a weapon against the rights of school children, concert-goers, worshipers not to die at the hands of young adult who has legally obtained a weapon of war. We must make meaningful, common sense changes to our gun laws when we have the opportunity as we do now.