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My mother was a victim of a home intrusion and it still gives her nightmares. She had nothing to protect herself with on that day. They beat her and they beat her dogs as well. She is low income and can't afford most firearms, so she spend what she could on a simple Ruger LCP II in 22LR. Not a powerful handgun, but it was what she can afford. You mandating that people pay for these permits just to buy a firearm will only make it more impossible for women like her to get the protection they need. Violent criminals will always find ways to destroy lives and it will be nothing for them to obtain the mag capacity they desire. Disadvantaging the law abiding will only cost more lives. In 2015 Carol Bowne filed a restraining order on her violent ex boyfriend and filled out for a permit for a firearm purchase. She could not get her firearm in time when she was brutally stabbed to death by her ex boyfriend. Firearms are the great equalizer. Violent criminals aren't looking for a fight, they're looking for a free meal. You can't make evil harmless by making good defenseless, all that does is embolden violent criminals to take advantage at the fact that they can obtain whatever they need to victimize you and your loved ones, because the courts are more in favor of the criminal than the law abiding. Don't believe me? How many violent criminals are arrested and let right back out in the streets? Carol Bowne's ex was one of them. How many times do deported criminals make it back into the States. If you cannot promise that violent criminals will never again be allowed on our streets, then you owe it to us to give us every advantage we can to defend ourselves. When seconds matter, law enforcement are minutes away, I need to know that evil will never have more of an advantage over me than they already have. They get to pick the time and place of the attack. They get to plan. They're not worried about the law. They can find ways of obtaining whatever tool they need. And when the act is over, they're not the ones that are probably going to face a jury and spend all their living on court costs and attorneys. Once a violent criminal targets a law abiding citizen, it is pretty much over for that citizen, no matter what the results of the altercation are. You vote in Measure 114 or HB3075, you've just voted to make sure the targeted citizen never recovers, and you've not only saved no one, you've only made the problem worse. Criminals are not afraid of the law. They're afraid of a well prepared and equipped victim.