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The right to a firearm has been historically restricted from marginalized groups. This law and its amendment cements it into place. This law will result in more policing on marginalized communities as these same communities come under threat from a hostile federal government and ICE. And when these same communities apply to get a permit to purchase a firearm it puts the subjective denial in the hands of police. This will hurt the LGBTQ+, POC communities, those who are politically left of the aisle, and the poor working class communities. We had no accountability for the brutality of the police in the Black Lives Matter protests and we had no accountability when we found 20 active and retired officers a part of the right wing extremist Oathkeepers. And now you want to carve out exceptions for them and let them decide who gets a firearm. All the while you will increase fees to make it harder to access a right that all people should have. The laws of firearm restrictions are rooted in racism. And if you push this forward knowing this and knowing it hurt marginalized communities you will be reinforcing the systemic racism already in place. Please do not sign off on this. And be better.