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My name is Corey Piazza and I recently moved my mother to move from Florida to come live with my wife and children. My brother passed recently and my mother also has experienced a traumatic home invasion in which a number of intruders broke in and harmed my mother and her dogs. Based on data regarding home invasions and defensive gun use (DGU) incidents, roughly 51% of home invasion incidents involve multiple perpetrators (two or more), rather than a single intruder. If my mother were to live on her own here, she wouldn't make enough money to afford a permit to purchase, she would be back to being defenseless, and when you limit capacity, consider the possibility that the intruder will have no such limitations. Due to the nature of evil, we know we can't stop home invasions from happening. We know we can't predict the number of intruders there will be. We know we can't predict what they will have on them. What capacity their tools will be. All we know is that if our loved ones are in that situation, we would not want the event to be fair. We would want every advantage given to the victim. We would want more capacity to remain in the fight. And, if you have heard of the case of Carol Bowne, a 39-year-old woman who was stabbed to death by her obsessed ex-boyfriend Michael Eitel on June 3, 2015, at her home in Berlin, New Jersey. Prior to her murder, Bowne filed a restraining order against Eitel as well as submitted an application to obtain a firearm permit. Firearm permits in New Jersey are legislated to take a maximum of 30 days to be issued. That permit did not save a life that day. I believe everything in 4145 and Mz 114 is dangerous and will produce more victims than save lives. It is also un-Constitutional and goes against what our founding fathers intended. They had just fought against tyranny and the purpose of penning the 2nd Amendment was to prevent their own government from becoming tyrannical. Understanding the 2nd amendment in its proper context helps alleviate any confusion about its purpose, i.e., it being designed around hunting, or the militia being something government controlled, neither of which would make sense in light of the situation in which the founding fathers just survived and therefore the reason for this amendment. The rights of the free people, as the militia, should not be infringed if we care about having a Free State. I understand this makes people feel unsafe. But you don't make evil harmless by making good defenseless, that is not a recipe for safety. Thank you for your time!