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I am opposed to making it more difficult for honest, law abiding citizens to purchase and use firearms. The amendment as written already restricts our 2nd amendment rights. We have a problem with implementing laws and punishment for crimes involving firearms. We have seen many times a person on parole can be found in possession of a firearm and will be released within 24 hours. We recently had 2 underage juveniles, 15 and 12 arrested and charged with armed robbery, stolen car, stolen firearms and murder of a 31 year old store clerk. Not only should they face consequences, but also the parents. Especially the parents of the 12 year old! How in any sense does a 12 year old decide it's okay!!

To prove my point, I have a couple that are friends, with a 12 and 10 year old kids. They firmly believe no citizen should have a firearm. My 4 children grew up as I did with firearms in the house properly locked up with rules about firearm safety. My kids and theirs don't believe firearms should be used on the street. What's common between the two families? Rules and consequences for not following the rules. Parenting and guidance that teaches how to handle disappointment, conflict, how to accept that someone actually might have a different opinion. That is what is lacking today. The justice system now works hard to excuse non-civil behavior instead of consequences for such.