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Hello, thanks for taking my views into account.

I oppose this measure. I understand that gun violence is an important issue, and that we want to eliminate it as much as we can. However, I can't morally stand behind attempts to restrict access to rights that create different classes of people.

I know this measure attempts to court the law enforcement community by exempting them from the requirements, but how does that make us safer? If the only way we can be safe is to restrict access to firearms, then it should apply equally.

Furthermore, a consideration that I often think of is how additional regulations on firearms access affect marginalized communities more. If you think it's bad to require identification when voting because it's too onerous for the disaffected, extend that thinking to the exercise of the right to firearms. Consider how onerous your measure would make access to firearms for those same disaffected communities.

You may consider firearms access to be an 'antiquated' right, but my view is that in the end, we are still individually responsible for our safety, and in the worst case, lethal force may become a component of protecting your own safety.

Thanks for your time.