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Bill: 7217 "assault weapons ban"  
Not in favor of this bill

Im writing this testimony to mostly bring some thought into our representatives minds by giving some hypothetical things that could occur as a result of passing a bill like this, the first scenario references the High capacity magazine ban enacted in 2022,

Scenario 1: The ban of magazines that can hold a capacity of more than 10 results in a potential mass shooter resorting to having to be more accurate in the event they do decide to inflict casualty and harm in a public place or school. the resulting effects of an active shooter resorting to better accuracy to make every shot they have count, results in more People and or children dying from more fatal wounds, No chance for survival when a criminal or mentally unstable person decides they want to kill as many people as they can.

Scenario 2: Banning "assault weapons" would result in these criminals or mentally unstable persons resorting to smaller firearms like pistols or revolvers or potentially even using shotguns. Shotguns have a few different choices for ammunition, And can fire in a spread or a more targeted shot. the spread would result in multiple people being injured or killed with one single shot, using handguns results in the stated previous occurrence, Shooters would need to be more accurate, resulting in less chances for survival, More people/children would be killed or injured.

Scenario 3: Completely hypothetical, But let's say my scenarios were to actually happen as a result of such a bill being passed into law, Let's say it doesn't work, So you resort to trying to ban firearms completely. Not only would this result in these criminals, and mentally unstable people finding other means to do harm, But these methods could potentially raise the death toll higher than if a gun was involved, These more obscure methods could include Knives, swords, Homemade explosive. Someone can even create toxic gasses like chlorine "mustard" gas using simple household chemicals found in every home in this country, Those deaths would not only be higher, but even more painful and horrific than just someone getting shot in the head. There would be zero chance or surviving with any of these more obscure methods of causing harm.

The point of these scenarios is to show that, no matter what laws you put into place that may make accessing these weapons harder, There will be no change, or preventing these crimes from happening, If a person wants to harm someone they will harm someone. I believe that YOU as representatives of this wonderful state, Need to start focusing on the WHO and WHY portions of these types of crimes. that is the only way to prevent these crimes from happening.

We live in a world where even our own police force is afraid to pull someone over because they could be called out for being racist, Or sexist, Or even threatened with a “a police brutality” case.

My place of employment, I see on the daily, Citizens putting the lives of other citizens in danger, just by simply blocking a crosswalk because they don't wanna walk the extra minute to park in the parking lot, And they get away with it, No tickets, No police involvement. even my company doesn't want me to take action to prevent tragedy for fear of confrontation.

There needs to be laws in place that can stop, and prevent tragedy by focusing on the root cause of the problem.

A lot of our representatives sit there and say, It's the guns that kill people, which is not true at all, You don't put a gun, or a knife, or a car in place on it's own with no human touching it, and it result in someone dying. As soon as an unstable person or criminal uses that object to commit the crime, it wasn't the object, it was the person.

Focus on what's important, The people, that's what you took and oath for, that's what you are obligated to do, if not then I leave you with this quote directly from the Declaration of Independence, “whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends [life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness], it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government.”

The declaration of independence states, The people may overthrow the government, and that is exactly what will happen in this state if you continue down the path of instituting laws that affect our rights as citizens.