

Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher. I come before you as a voting Democrat and ask that you please oppose Senate Bill 554.

Gun control via complex process and higher fees = systemic racism.

Relying on complex, convoluted laws to chill gun violence is a clear example of utilizing a systemic approach to target a desired goal. The simple fact that lower social economic advantaged (that are at a much higher risk of unknowing violating a patchwork of laws) will be disproportionately effected by this approach is, in fact, systemic racist.

Also, the fact that this is supported by the Michael Bloomberg groups also speaks to the racists basis. Mr. Bloomberg was a vocal proponent of "Stop and Frisk". He was caught on a hot mic explaining that we all know it is the young black males who are doing the crime. That he could print out a picture of a 18-24 year old black male and distribute it to the nation's police forces. Now that is racist.

Please also note the overreach of the weapon language. It includes pepper spray, batons, sticks, etc. In effect, almost anything a person (young, old, female) could use for self defense.

Very poorly written.

We are better than that. Please do not let this get out of committee!

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