

I would respectfully request this bill not go forward. Lawful gun owners and people with concealed carry permits are not the cause of gun violence. The cause of gun violence is the people who do not have the right to possess guns using them to commit crimes. If you take away the ability of those who have the right to possess a firearm to carry it concealed you will cause gun violence to go up. The people who do not have the right to possess a firearm will be emboldened to use firearms to commit crimes because they will know it is very unlikely that anyone they want to perpetrate a crime against will have a firearm in their possession so nobody will be able to shoot back. The ability for citizens to be able to shoot back is a big deterrent to crimes committed with firearms. If you get a mass school shooter there will be virtually no possibility that anyone will be present to shoot back as might be a possibility if a parent with a concealed gun is in the school when a mass shooter comes in to shoot up the kids. While the surface intent of the bill is a good one, to reduce gun violence, it will have the opposite effect.