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The US Supreme Court has already ruled on this as unconstitutional, and used the Militia Act of 1792 as reference to support the 2 amendment. The Militia Act of 1792 says, and I quote, "... each and every free able-bodied white male citizen of the respective States, resident therein, who is or shall be of age of eighteen years, and under the age of forty-five years (except as is herein after excepted) shall severally and respectively be enrolled in the militia, by the Captain or Commanding Officer of the company, within whose bounds such citizen shall reside ..." The Supreme Court ordered all lower courts to look at the two-part test when ruling on constitutional matters, 1. the context of the constitution and 2. the history of the constitution. The text and history is 18 to 20 year olds were required to be a part of the militia, they were required to provide their own weapons, powder and bullets. Because they were "required" to provide their own weapons, powder and bullets they had to be purchased by them, therefore, has already been ruled unconstitutional.

The right question to ask here is, knowing that it will be challenged, that it has already been ruled unconstitutional under the 2nd Amendment, supported by The Militia Act of 1792, and the 14th Amendment that prohibits any state from depriving a citizen of a constitutional right, as this one does, will you continue to try which will result in you wasting millions of dollars fighting a battle that has already been lost? All at your constituents, the taxpayer, expense.

I, like many of your constituents, grew up in the woods, hunting, fishing and shooting guns, I would like to pass this knowledge down to my children and grandchildren but with this bill I cannot pass my firearms too my children or grandchildren until they are 21. It seems to me that education is the key here, teaching children to safely handle and respect firearms but this bill takes that out of my hands, if we have to wait until they are 21, we have missed the peak ages for teaching them right and wrong.

Adults 18 to 20 also have the right to protect themselves. This is not a rainbow and unicorn filled world where we all hold hands around a campfire and sing kumbaya to make the bad people go away. We often have to stand our ground; this bill denies these adults of that right to do so!

You took an oath to uphold the constitution as it was written, not as you wish to change it. This has already been fought in court and the supreme court has ruled it unconstitutional. This bill will not stop violent crime from being committed with a firearm because a person intent on committing these crimes won't care if there is a law or not so what's the purpose of the law?