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Raising the legal age limit to purchase an assault style weapon is one of the many things we can do to make our society safer for our citizens. It has been known for many years that the frontal lobe of the brain, where we make important regulatory decisions, does not fully mature until age 25. Way too many of these mass shooters are in the 18-21 age range. Some argue that if young people are old enough to join the military they are old enough to safely use a weapon of war. However, there is a huge difference. My granddaughter tells me that they face many hours of training on safe use of the guns and to not ever fire until authorized to do so. Soldiers are also not given an assault weapon of their own to use. All weapons are safely stored in large vaults and to check one out is a thorough process. In other words, the military is "well regulated ". And for good reason. The idea that everyone needs there own weapons of war is not working out well for our country.