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I support this HB 2007. I grew up with guns in my household and within a "hunting" family. I had a gun license and a rifle by the time I was 12. I haven't held a gun since I was sixteen. I got over it and started thinking for myself as opposed to what my family spoon fed me. We need rifles for hunting if that's your jam, but that's about it. No need for guns in public spaces especially if the local leaders, authorities, and elected officials in the city or county have deemed it necessary. This law, like all laws, affects people on all sides, but ultimately its intent is to create safer public spaces that we ALL can enjoy without fear of extreme violence. More guns equal more violence. Just because we've had mass shootings in "gun free" zones doesn't mean these laws aren't effective in reducing violent crimes, and that we shouldn't try to make public places safe places once again. We must try. If the law clearly doesn't work and REALLY infringes on individuals' rights (that actual matter - being able to carry a gun doesn't seem a like a human need) we can repeal the law, or adapt it. Schools can prohibit guns on their campuses. Cities and counties should be able to, too. I believe there should be fewer guns in public spaces. We know that more gun laws mean fewer gun deaths. These laws work.