

March 21, 2023

Re: HB 2006 – firearm age restriction – please support

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and members of the Committee:

I'm a gun owner who completed an NRA hunter safety course as a teenager. I competed on a rifle team in college. I'm a Vietnam veteran, a retired Navy officer, and served five terms as Benton County's District Attorney.

I strongly support HB 2006 to limit the circumstances in which a person younger than 21 may possess certain firearms.

Notably, the bill would not prevent young people from possessing and using firearms typically used in hunting or target-shooting. It would, however, make it more difficult for an enraged, emotionally immature or unstable person to obtain the most dangerous kinds of weapons.

Seven states, including Florida in the wake of the Parkland school massacre, already prohibit purchases of long guns by persons under 21.

It's time for us to do the same.

Thank you,

Pete Sandrock