

Submitter: Norman Chaput
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2006

I oppose HB 2006 and urge you not to vote it out of committee. Either 18 year-olds are adults, or they aren't. If they are, then the entire Bill of Rights should apply to them; if they aren't adults, then we shouldn't be letting them vote, or serve in the military. The people committing mass shootings with semiautomatic rifles are almost always well-known to law enforcement and their mental and emotional challenges observed by peers long in advance of the crime. If we don't find a way to fix these people or segregate them from society, delaying their purchase of a rifle by two years will at best just delay the carnage. This isn't solving the problem--it just restricts the liberties of the overwhelming majority of young people who want to own these guns for entirely peaceful purposes.