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I oppose this horrific HB2005 and any bill that infringes upon our Constitutional right to bear arms and could make a criminal of an ordinary law-abiding citizen! Legal gun owners are not the problem with crime and this attempt to make criminals of them is egregious - this is not what we elected you for! Legal gun owners stop as many crimes from occurring as criminals cause. In 2013, Obama requested studies on gun use and his own Federal agencies concluded this: "Almost all national survey estimates indicate that defensive gun uses by victims are at least as common as offensive uses by criminals, with estimates of annual uses ranging from about 500,000 to more than 3 million." (National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2013. Priorities for Research to Reduce the Threat of Firearm-Related Violence. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. <https://doi.org/10.17226/18319>). Most instances did not involve actually firing the gun, but simply the presence of a legal gun owner with a firearm was enough to deter crime. Please stop this insanity and focus on what matters - those who are committing criminal acts - instead of this awful attempt at making lawful citizens sitting ducks for crime!!