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I oppose HB2007. CHL holders have taken the steps to gain training and proficiency with a tool for protecting themselves and others. Legal gun owners are not the cause of crime, but in fact deter it as much as criminals cause crime. 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 to those who elected you - those committing criminal acts - instead of this awful attempt at making lawful citizens sitting ducks for crime!!