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Hello I am a US Army veteran. I joined the military at the age of 18, completed my training and was deployed overseas for 26 months. Before joining the military I had attended firearms training and Hunter Safety at the age of 12 years old. I had the advantage of proper training and respect for the tool used in competition and hobby. So here again we have a bill drafted thinking that if we move the goal posts there will be some sort of magical result of fewer firearms deaths or accidents. It is not the condition of the object, in this case firearms; it is exclusively the condition of the person or people. This bill misses the mark at addressing The Human Condition that leads to the accidents or ill will of a person under the age of 21. Similar to having an "age" for the consumption of alcohol or cigarettes we all know what good that limitation has done us for many many years. I find it almost laughable that we are considering having 16-year-olds vote! I would change my opinion of that proposition if I knew that our young people were studying the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and had a healthy respect for the framers of this Country. Sadly I know that that is not the case in our educational institutions of America. Addressing the hearts and minds of our citizens and Community should be first and foremost as that has the most probability of gaining the results the authors of this bill desire, not changing some number.

Because the root cause of the situation is not addressed I oppose this bill.