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Strongly Oppose

This measure will do nothing to address the root cause of issues of violence perpetrated by older teens. Most of the active shooters under 21 had exhibited prior issues that had been flagged but never really addressed by either the juvenile system or the mental health system. Many "juvenile homicides" that are not suicide related are gang related. No reforms to those areas have been proposed. Let's reform mental health and hold juvenile offenders accountable instead of the knee jerk reaction to punish the law abiding majority. At 18 one is considered to be legally an adult, one can vote, join and serve in the military, and enter into contracts and marriage. Again, let us fix the core issues that are actually causing the problem, a broken mental health and juvenile justice system.