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As a pediatrician I have had many professional and personal experiences with gun violence in our pediatric population. Guns are now the leading cause of death of children in the US, recently surpassing motor vehicle accidents. Research shows that individuals aged 18-20 years old commit gun homicides at a rate nearly 3 times greater than adults 21 and over. In addition, the frontal lobe (our reasoning center) is not fully developed until the early to mid 20's. Raising the age allows for the maturity and rationality that comes with normal development in later years. I appreciate your time in consideration and support of this bill.