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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 individuals 21 and over. In addition, our frontal lobe (our decision making center in our brain), is not fully developed until early to mid 20's. Raising the age limit, allows for the rationality and maturity that is a natural part of our development to occur. I appreciate your consideration in support of this bill.