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I request you rethink the madness you are considering. As the father of two law enforcement

Officers I am well aware of the damage that is created by goodwill intention as it comes to public Safety. Let's take a look at the cost to the general public due to being lax in prosecuting drug abuse. It sounds good to be patient and understanding and offering a softer approach and services to help people get off of drugs. But reality is if there is no pain why stop. Living homeless is not the deterrent to cause people to want to change. Jail time or mandatory rehab is much more effective and guess what the public is not forever to deal with people that are under the influences of mind altering substances. The thefts, attacks, crashes and other Public issues would be reduced.

Now let's address the topic we have on the agenda

To add more layers of control to Gun ownership as a means to make our world more safe will only lead to more lawlessness. As the general public can not defend or deter the negative portion of our society we will see more aggressive forms of lawlessness. I for one would feel more comfortable knowing that there are more armed citizens out there in my environment to offset evil. Yes I said evil. Believe it or not Evil does exist and unfortunately, force is the only way to stop it. We have created a very dangerous environment by treating crime with a soft

Approach. If we raise our children with little or no consequences then we do them a disservice and fail to protect them and those they interact with. They feel that they can do what ever they want even if it

Does harm to others. We have created a self centered society with cause and effect outcomes. In closing if you move forward with this type of control

You will be responsible for the outcome and the lives that will be ruined by more goodwill intended

Legislation. You will have to answer for bad decisions just like our lax drug laws.

Ultimately in the end you will have to answer for your actions. My you be granted the wisdom to see the proper direction in your leadership.