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I strongly oppose the proposed bill requiring a permit to buy firearms, as it infringes on the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to keep and bear arms is a core aspect of personal freedom, self-defense, and protection against tyranny. Introducing additional hurdles, such as a permit requirement, creates unnecessary barriers for law-abiding citizens who wish to exercise their constitutional rights responsibly.

While we all desire safety and the reduction of gun violence, the focus should be on enforcing existing laws, improving mental health services, and addressing the root causes of crime, rather than restricting lawful access to firearms. A permit requirement would unfairly penalize responsible gun owners and create a bureaucratic system that may inadvertently lead to delays and discrimination, making it harder for individuals to obtain the means of self-defense when needed.

Furthermore, law-abiding citizens should not be treated as criminals before they commit any crime. This bill would disproportionately burden those who follow the law while doing little to deter criminals who already bypass legal processes. Our resources would be better spent on tackling crime directly rather than imposing more restrictions on lawful citizens.