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I am in support of HB 3075. I worked hard to pass Ballot Measure 114. I spent my free time collecting signatures to get that ballot to vote. I also submitted testimony, written and oral, and it passed. I spent this time away from my children, who were then 4 and 2 years old at the time, for one reason: to make them safer. Since that time, my first grader has developed an intense fear of school shooters because of her school lockdown drills. She has had frequent nightmares for the past few months. My neighbor lost her only granddaughter (an 18 year old with so much potential) to a random act of gun violence last year. We shouldn't have to live like this.

I believe it is totally reasonable for responsible gun owners to receive a permit and some kind of training in order to have a gun. Responsible car owners get a license to drive. Responsible workers get food handlers permits to serve food. Seeing as how firearms are the number one killer of children today, shouldn't this industry not have some sort of reasonable oversight and regulation? Of course it should.

The second amendment states; "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed". It is right there in the constitution: well regulated. We need to regulate this. Now. It is not infringing on anyones rights any more than requiring car owners or other responsible citizens to get permits for any number of things. And what about the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? For too many Americans, that right has been stolen by irresponsible gun owners and the profit driven gun lobby. It is time to do the responsible thing, and pass reasonable gun safety legislation. This bill does just that.