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HB 3075 is a repackaged M114 legislation that restrict how law-abiding citizens can buy, own, or use firearms. Federal gun control legislation like the Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (1993) created nationwide requirements that make it more difficult to obtain a firearm. In 2018, the State of California released a study that examined the effect of comprehensive background checks on the state. The study examined nearly two decades (1981-2000) of data and found that background checks had no effect on homicide rates in California. (Castillo-Carniglia, Alvaro, et al. "California's Comprehensive Background Check and Misdemeanor Violence Prohibition Policies and Firearm Mortality." *Annals of Epidemiology*, Elsevier, 11 Oct. 2018). There was also a study done that revealed 2,000 felons in state and federal prisons across the United States showed that criminals actually fear armed citizens more than they fear the police. (Wright, James D., and Peter H. Rossi. *ARMED AND CONSIDERED DANGEROUS: A Survey of Felons and Their Firearms*, Routledge, 1994). Shooting and murder rates in Chicago surged 50% in 2020, and that city recorded the highest number of gun-related homicides on record.

( D'Onofrio, Jessica, and Craig Wall. "2020 Cook County Deaths Break Records Due to Gun Violence, Opioid Overdoses, COVID-19, ME Says." *ABC7 Chicago, WLS-TV*, 2 Jan. 2021). New York City saw similarly alarming statistics. In 2020, homicides increased 41%, and shootings increased an astounding 95%. (Stieb, Matt. "Homicides Surged in NYC in 2020." *Intelligencer*, 29 Dec. 2020). The evidence is crystal clear. Gun control doesn't work. Criminals, by definition, do not obey the law. Gun control laws only affect law-abiding people who go through legal avenues to obtain firearms. Furthermore; HB 3075 creates an "emergency" there is no emergency.