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As a retired Army Veteran and 25 years in Law Enforcement, I can say bad people don't care about laws. The problem is not the law abiding citizens, that purchase for stores. All these new laws are not only a punishment to lawful citizens but an additional tax. If you truly want to have an impact on gun violence, address the problem directly through the laws already on the books. Criminals walk away constantly from court with a slap on the hand when it comes to having or using firearms in the commission of their crimes is embarrassing. A felon in possession or a firearm used in the commission in the crime should be just like the rest of measure 11 crimes or hold severe enhancement charges with mandatory sentencing. I have observed numerous times DA's plea bargaining these types to lessor included or dismissing them all together. I want strict gun laws that are on the books to be given their dues and upheld with the most stringent authority possible. I believe there is some middle ground here, but it's not with lawful citizens. Start with the criminals and treat it as equal to murder because that is the idea behind having a gun during the crime!

Thank you for your time,
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