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As a veteran educator who works in both high school and college settings, and as a parent of elementary school students, potential gun violence is a shadow that lingers over the largest parts of my everyday life. I teach on a campus whose community life continues to be impacted by one of the first school mass shootings. My current students are the children of some of the victims. They are painfully aware of what gun violence can do, and are aware that guns are part of everyday life in a semi rural community. They, and all people in the state, including the many, many responsible gun owners, should feel secure that gun dealers take their responsibility to their communities seriously. Serious responsibility requires equally applied rules and standards, not a patchwork that allows for flexibility and errors. The stakes, and long lasting impacts of gun violence, are simply too high. I support bills that prevent gun tragedies, like HB 3076.