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I am writing as a mother, a responsible firearm owner and an active participant in hunting/self-defense training to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 697. This bill places unnecessary restrictions on law-abiding gun owners like myself while doing little to enhance public safety or address the real causes of violence in our communities.

As a woman and a mother, my priority is the safety of my family. I take my responsibility as a gun owner seriously, ensuring that I am properly trained and that my firearms are stored securely. SB 697 imposes increased licensing requirements and restrictions making it harder for law-abiding citizens—especially young women—to protect themselves and their families. These restrictions do not target criminals; instead, they create barriers for responsible gun owners like me who follow the law and simply want to exercise our constitutional rights.