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On January 30, a panel of the New Orleans-based 5th Circuit Court of Appeals held that 18- to 20-year-olds are protected by the Second Amendment, and the ban on them purchasing handguns violates their rights. Judge Edith H. Jones, a President Ronald Reagan appointee who authored the court's opinion, pointed to the Supreme Court's landmark 2022 decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, which said that modern-day gun laws must be similar to gun restrictions in early American history.

There is scant evidence that limiting the sale and ownership of guns to those between 18 and 20 would significantly reduce crime, suicide, accidental or mass shootings. We allow the following for 18–20-year-olds: marriage, military service and the right to vote. So, ultimately, you want an 18+ year-old to vote to keep you in the legislature and then take away their Constitutional right to own/carry a firearm, not too smart.

Stop the insanity and vote NO! on this ridiculous bill.

Sincerely, Tammi Burkhardt