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The wording of the Second Amendment is short and concise. "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." The militia are the people, all of the people. So every American has the right to keep and bear Arms.

Infringe: act so as to limit or undermine. This bill would do much to limit and undermine the principals of the Constitution as stated above by depriving Americans of their rights until they undertake certain classes, or undergo extra background checks. No one would argue for this same course of action to be taken in regards to the First Amendment. You must take a class before you make exercise your right to free speech. We have decided that your religion doesn't match our list of government approved faiths so you aren't allowed to practice your religion. This legislation is a limitation, it undermines our rights, it is an infringement, pure and simple.

The Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." You cannot use the wording of the founding fathers to limit American's rights and freedoms. And yes, this does mean that every limitation to is an infringement on the Second Amendment. Those who argue that "it was a different time, they couldn't imagine the world we live in today with the technology we have." First, they knew of the advancement of technology so that argument doesn't hold water. And secondly, by the same logic, none of the First Amendment's protections of the press protects anything that is not made on a printing press as the name implies. So nothing written on a digital screen is protected, nothing printed on a modern printer is protected as it does not use the pressing of blocks of letters to a page. Again, the Ninth Amendment protects us from these kinds of arguments. All Americans have the right to keep and bear arms and our rights have been infringed too much already. This bill would be another egregious infringement of our rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.