

I am 83 years old, I no longer own a gun, though I have at times owned on.

I have lost a step-son to gun violence on September 4, 2008 on the streets of San Francisco where he and his friend were gunned down in a case of mistaken identity in a gang revenge killing. Ten years later in March of 2018 three young men were arrested and charged with a capital crime. I testified for the defense of one of the boys and none of the three boys had to face the death penalty.

I believe we should use common sense to help limit the use of fire arms to murder human beings. SB243 would help by keeping military style guns out of the hands of teenagers and 20-year-olds.

My children and grandchildren deserve this additional protection.

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