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I oppose this bill because it will do absolutely nothing to reduce gun crime, or crimes committed with guns.

Criminals by definition are not bound to laws, nor are they expected to follow laws.

They are also not expected legally to register or to self-incriminate their illegally acquired guns on the grounds of the 5th Amendment.

The vast majority of firearms acquired for criminal uses are stolen, or off the black market by other criminals.

The number of incidences with automatic firearms used in crimes are still a very small percentage of total firearms usage in crimes according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports; although more have been found with illegal Glock Switches, it is already a Federal crime to possess fully automatic firearms made after 1986 due to the Hughes Amendment of the 1986 Firearms Owners Protection Act.

All this will do is handicap law-abiding gun owners from the right to use whatever tools they see fit for lawful activities and for lawful purposes, which are not limited to self defense.

This will also place an undue burden on the low income and minority citizens and restrict them from good access to firearms for lawful purposes.