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I oppose S697 because it attempts to create a disparity in rights amongst legal adults. If we have set the age of 18 as the legal age of adulthood, then we have foisted various levels of responsibility upon this new adult, including the responsibility of defending one's self. Now we have deprived them that ability with this bill. If we are expecting these young adults to defend our country through military service, then we have to assume they are developed enough to own and use a firearm. You cannot have it both ways, they are either an adult or they are not.

If anything needs to change, it's that we need to give young adults more opportunities to get acquainted with the safe handling and understanding of firearms should they choose to exercise their rights.

Thank you,

Jeff