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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed 2025 Act relating to community violence. While the intent to reduce violence is commendable, this bill raises significant concerns.

First, it diverts resources to unproven, vaguely defined “evidence-informed” programs, sidelining law enforcement, which has a clear role in addressing firearm-related violence. Excluding these agencies risks undermining public safety. Second, the grant eligibility and oversight structure prioritizes subjective criteria over measurable outcomes, potentially wasting taxpayer funds on ineffective initiatives. Finally, the focus on communities with “disproportionately high rates” of violence lacks clarity in implementation, which could lead to inequitable or politically motivated funding decisions.

I urge you to reconsider this legislation and explore alternatives that strengthen law enforcement and ensure accountability for public safety investments.