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I strongly oppose this bill, It will not reduce suicide, it will not prevent mass shootings, it will not prevent child deaths. We have plenty of firearms laws on the books currently yet ones regarding theft and possession of stolen firearms or possession by a prohibited person are rarely truly enforced the usual penalty being probation and rarely prison. As to suicide this measure does nothing to support mental health. Suicide is a mental health issue, people sadly choose to end their lives in many different ways, why only focus on firearms and not true prevention? As to preventing child deaths via mass shootings it should be noted that many mass shooters state they seek out gun free zones where they will find a lot of potential victims and little risk of being stopped by someone else with a fire arm. Making more gun free zones only makes people less safe.

This measure focus's on the law abiding citizen and not the actual problem, the criminal. Criminal control before gun control.

To tie Measure 114 to this bill at the last minute is reprehensible dirty politics! 114 is an absolutely unfunded mandate that the local entities CAN NOT AFFORD. The state can not afford it either with the current budget crisis.

Lastly we can not afford an unfunded mandate, our communities are stretched thin budgetarily and levies are failing due to the high state taxes.

Again, Criminal Control over gun control.