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I oppose this unnecessary legislation.

This is basically a collection of questionable solutions in search of a problem. 1) The laws currently in place already place an unreasonable period of time to complete purchases of firearms, infringing on the rights of citizens. Training requirements, permits to purchase, multiple background checks - each of which carry a financial burden - seeks to frustrate gun owners in pursuit of their lawful activities and more insidiously make the exercising of their rights a costly affair that only those of significant financial means or political connection can pursue. 2) The items made illegal are largely already illegal at the federal level and those that are not do not perform what the supporters of this bill say they do. 3) Last and most egregious is what will result from the ability of local government entities and districts to restrict areas licensed concealed handgun carriers can possess their firearms. These people have already gone and sought out the training, been background checked, and obtained the approval of the Sheriff of their county to possess a CHL license. Yet this is the target of this legislation? The very folks who already obtained the permission of the government to carry their firearms for their protection and the protection of their family? This makes no sense. This legislation creates a patchwork of criminal traps that licensed firearm carriers can run afoul because of the inconsistent nature of these rules. Why isn't there legislation targeting criminal behavior that actually impacts others, rather than creating status crimes? Where is there a pattern of criminal behavior by CHL holders shown in the areas impacted by these new restrictions? I'll answer: There is none.

Thank you for your consideration.