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The second amendment clearly states that the right of the people to bear arms shall not be infringed. We have a right to protect ourselves from others and a tyrannical government using whatever firearms we choose. Stop trying to chip away at the second amendment because it will not work in the end. Our lives are what is most precious, and we have a God given right to defend our lives and our property from those who will steal and/or do us harm, and no one can force us otherwise. Guns do not kill people, they are tools, like a knife, a shovel or a hammer. People kill people. 50% of all shootings are thwarted by gun owners. I feel if everyone owned a gun and was trained how to properly use it, then there would be a whole lot less killing and injury from guns. Focus on stopping criminals, not punishing law abiding citizens.