

I am opposed to SB 0086.

There are several reasons why the age requirement for purchasing rifles and shotguns should not be raised to 21. Firstly, the right to bear arms is protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and any attempt to restrict access to firearms for law-abiding citizens would infringe upon this constitutional right. Secondly, raising the age limit for purchasing rifles and shotguns would not effectively address the issue of gun violence, as individuals under the age of 21 who intend to commit criminal acts could obtain firearms through illegal means. Thirdly, individuals over the age of 18 are considered adults under the law and have the right to make decisions regarding their personal safety and the protection of their property. This includes the right to purchase and possess firearms for self-defense and hunting purposes. Fourthly, raising the age limit for purchasing firearms would disproportionately affect individuals who live in rural areas, where hunting is an important cultural and economic activity, and where access to firearms for self-defense may be especially important. In conclusion, the focus should be on enforcing existing laws and addressing the root causes of gun violence, rather than restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens who are over the age of 18.

I urge you to vote unfavorable on SB0086  
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