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Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 86 (Rifles and Shotguns – Possession – Age Requirement (Raise the Age Act of 2023))

To: Senators Waldstreicher and Lee

As a US military veteran, I **oppose** Senate Bill 86 (Rifles and Shotguns – Possession – Age Requirement (Raise the Age Act of 2023)).

Men and women who are younger than the age of 21 can join the US Military, be issued various rifles and shotguns, and risk their lives on the battlefields. I joined the US Military when I was under the age of 21 and was issued rifles for various exercises while stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. However, this bill would preclude men and women of the same age (younger than the age of 21) not be able to possess a rifle or shotgun. This is not reasonable.

I request the Committee take no further action and abandon this senate bill.

Sincerely,

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