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TO: The Texas House Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety

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RE: Duty # 4 Submission

I am a registered voter and a resident of Texas.

In April 1945, my father was saved by soldiers of the 90<sup>th</sup> U.S Infantry Division (a part of General George S. Patton's Third Army) just moments before the Nazi guards were to execute the surviving prisoners in the Flossenbürg Concentration Camp. My father was a 19-year old man in Poland when Nazi Germany invaded Poland in 1939. Some months later he was taken to the Flossenbürg Concentration Camp where he was subjected to four years of unbelievable horror.

It is one reason why I wholly support the Second Amendment and I oppose any red flag confiscation laws, bans on semi-automatic firearms, and universal background checks. In fact, I believe that restrictions on where and how law-abiding Texans can protect themselves should be removed.

About two years ago, a man and his wife in our subdivision, who owned some Subway franchises, were brutally beaten and murdered by two men looking for cash and valuables in their home.

With many cities planning to defund their police forces, it is vital that we Texans have the means protect our loved ones and ourselves everywhere from criminals who are not deterred by gun-free zones and carry and use firearms to commit unlawful acts.