Subject: Duty #4 Submission

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Gun-Free Zones:

If the Texas legislature repeals mandatory "gun-free" zones for honest citizens, community safety will increase without having to increase any government budgets for the additional workforce.

Fact: Violent criminals ignore laws, especially gun-free zones.

It is not a coincidence that **violent criminals choose gun-free zones** to attempt mass shootings. Nobody is there to stop their cowardly action. This cowardly mass shooter doesn't show up at places where honest citizens carry legally concealed pistols.

Honest citizens don't commit violence in gun-free zones (an example would be a knife), but can save lives by stopping violent criminals with a gun. Why are honest citizens restricted by a gun-free zone?

Mental Health Threat Assessment/Red Flag Laws:

Do you really think a red flag law would stop a committed killer from getting a weapon? Similar to other killers, the **Sandy Hook murderer simply stole the weapons** he used.

Gary Willis, a 60-year-old African-American gentleman did not survive the enforcement of a "red flag" Gun Confiscation Order. After a **family argument**, a **relative filed a** <u>false</u> "red flag" claim against Willis <u>to get revenge</u> against him. When **police showed up at 5:17 am to confiscate his guns, Willis was shot to death** after answering the door with a gun in his hand. Gary Willis thought the unannounced raid was a robbery.

Mental health professionals and law enforcement must not misuse mental health "threat assessment" to wrongly target gun owners and deprive people of their gun rights. This has happened in other states with "red flag" gun confiscation orders.

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