

To: Texas House Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety

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Re: Request for comments on Duty # 4

Sirs/Madams:

I write to give you input on your investigation into the various gun issues before your committee.

Your perhaps well-intentioned efforts will absolutely NOT result in greater protection for Texans from gun violence. In fact, they will have the exact opposite effect. Texans will be less safe if your ideas become law.

I don't know why it is so difficult for people like you to understand that criminals and mentally unstable people pay absolutely NO ATTENTION whatsoever to the laws you are promoting. The only people who will comply with the laws are people who are already law abiding. Criminals will intentionally ignore your silly statutes, and mentally unstable people will not know about them or, if they do, will not care about them. Is this really that difficult for you to understand?

Do you even know if any Texans have been shot with guns that were purchased "off book" at gun shows? Can you cite any specifics or statistics in this regard?

The red flag laws are simply unconstitutional. People HAVE been killed while these laws were being enforced. If the Second Amendment means anything at all, it means that a person lawfully possessing a firearm cannot have it taken from them by the government without due process of law. And I assure you, some neighbor or relative with a grudge calling the police and telling them a person is "dangerous" is not remotely close to "due process."

The more steps you take to disarm Texans, the more dangerous our communities become for law abiding citizens, and the closer we get to tyranny. Please don't do this to our wonderful state.

Respectfully,



William G. Harger