

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMPILATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Submitted to the Committee on Community Safety, Select  
For HB 22

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Katie Elizabeth Dunnivant

Self

Alvin, TX

Should always be noted and reported. No one should have the right to buy several weapons or magazines without record and notification. That is not what is needed to “protect your home”. Please do what we can here to save our children.

John Bolgiano

Self - Retired

Llano, TX

OPPOSED

This bill would create a de facto gun registry listing Texas citizens engaged in perfectly legal activities. While the purchase of multiple magazines may seem ominous to some, this is a quite common occurrence. One of my recent magazines purchases was for 10 magazines, done simply to take advantage of a quantity discount offered by the vendor. This is a completely unwarranted invasion of privacy.

Geroge Clement

self

Austin, TX

Against because it would be a database to track legal activity, the gov has no business tracking.

Randall Reeves

Self

Lubbock, TX

Any bill,that attempts to blame an object, instead of arresting the criminal, should be laughed out of the building.

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John Lawrence, Mr

Self

Spring, TX

There should be zero reporting of gun purchases. Background checks are already mandatory. That's all government needs to know.

Carolyn Hidges

Myself

Dripping Springs, TX

Data basis of tracking the God given human rights as acknowledged in our Constitution is against our basic rights. Thus it was clearly stated in our Constitution.

Gary Zimmerman

Myself as an LTC Instructor

Lewisville, TX

my name is Gary Zimmerman. I am a LTC instructor for 4 states (Texas, Utah, Illinois, Maryland) and the NRA. I am a FFL, and I have a LTC for 14 states.

I am opposed to the passage of this bill for the following reasons.

1. The reporting of multiple firearm sales with in short periods of time is already required by federal law to the ATF and this part of this bill is redid and and not needed.
2. The portion of this bill that includes reporting the same of multiple magazine sales would be a nightmare hassle for many retailers, as a result many retailers would stop selling magazines.
3. Personally if I knew that multiple magazine sales would require reporting, and I needed to buy multiple magazines, I would just purchase from multiple retailers. Very easy to do when living in a huge metroplex like Dallas-Fort Worth where there are over a hundred in close proximity to each other to buy magazines. Thus making this part of the law pointless.
4. Last but not least, IF this law happens to be passed, and enacted. This law WILL be challenged In federal and state court on its constitutionality. It will loose due to the guidelines specified by the US Supreme Court in Bruen and in Heller.

Please leave this bill pending in Committee

Maritza Wong, Mrs.

Self - Stay at home mom

Manvel, TX

I support this bill to raise flags when alarming firearm purchases are made in Texas. A responsible and law-abiding gun owner should have no problem with law enforcement being aware when they make large purchases. Should a potential bad actor be the one making the purchases, law enforcement should have every advantage possible in assessing and dealing with a threat. Please give law enforcement the tools they need to save lives by supporting this bill. Thank you.

Gracie Sukach  
Self Accountant  
Kingwood, TX

Gun violence across our state continues to endanger the lives of all Texans. We need more actions to deter the massive spread of gun violence. All measures to record sales are necessary to prevent further violence. When is it enough??? Remember the names of the victims. Their families demand accountability.

Kathy Orosco  
Self  
San Antonio, TX

Assault weapons have been used in all of the deadliest mass shootings that have occurred in the last decade. These weapons are civilian versions of weapons created by the military and designed to kill humans quickly and efficiently. An assailant with an assault weapon can hurt and kill twice as many people as an assailant with a handgun or non-assault rifle. This is because an assault weapon allows a shooter to fire a larger number of rounds faster.

This is not signaling anything other than our intent to take these weapons of war off our streets

Andrea Gonzales  
Self  
Tomball, TX

Texas has a gun problem. Please work and enforce limitations on firearm sales and transfers. Please do something to protect us from this violence

Andrea Gonzales  
Self  
Tomball, TX

Texas has a gun problem. we need to do something about it. Please raise the age from 18 to 21 to purchase certain firearms, Improve the background checks for firearm transfers and expand safe gun storage education for parents and custodians of students. Please protect our children!

Tina McCune  
Self  
White Oak, TX

Vote no to restricting the rights of law abiding citizens of their 2nd amendment right!

Wendy McRoberts  
Self  
Danbury, TX

I support these common sense restrictions on gun and magazine sales.

Loren Simpson  
Self  
Lago Vista, TX

Please pass this bill out of committee.

Caitlyne Gonzales, Miss.

Self

Uvalde, TX

My name is Caitlyne Gonzales, I'm a 4th Grade Robb Elementary survivor. I was in room adjacent to Room 112 where close friends of mine were brutally murdered by an 18 year old who had access to assault weapons. I narrowly escaped through the classroom window when the tactical team broke it so we could escape. I was barefoot, got cut with some of the broken glass but even with that ran to the nearest funeral home. I lost my best friend and other close friends of mine on May 24th because an 18 year who is not able to legally purchase beer but was allowed to purchase AR-15 murdered 21 people. I'm an 11 year old, and that doesn't make sense to me. I now live with PTSD, and anxiety and will do so for the rest of my life. Things tend to trigger me I just don't know when it will hit me. My mom had to sleep with me a little over 9 months because of how scared I was. Texas has the worst case of mass shootings. No child should be scared to go to school but they are. Stand up for what's right before it's too late. Today, I'm fighting for Uvalde's 21 and I hope you all do the same.

James Everard, Sgt. (Ret)

Self

Killeen, TX

This bill is absolutely unconstitutional. It is nothing more than another attempt for anti-gun Americans, and Soros funded organizations to restrict our God given right protected by the constitution. As a disabled combat veteran of the United States Army, I can tell you with absolutely certainly, this is nothing more than an attempt to limit our ability to protect ourselves. A mass shooting can still buy magazines over a period of time, or 3D printer "large capacity magazines" with a \$150 3D printer. These laws only seek to restrict law abiding citizen. I am against this bill. I call for all on this committee to also vote against it. Thank you.

Linda McCullough

Myself

Lago vista, TX

I support limiting the sale of multiple firearms and multiple firearm magazines ( especially those larger than 12 capacity) to any single individual. Make it a criminal offense to do this please.

Mike Sloane

Self

Bryan, TX

Do not support this bill.

Carol Jacoby, Mrs.

Self

San Marcos, TX

Against

Jeanne Mixon  
Self retired  
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing in support of HB 22 that would require the reporting of the purchase of multiple firearm magazines. This bill would bring to the attention of law enforcement the very important information that an individual seems to be stockpiling ammunition and warrants further investigation. I believe that law enforcement would be very appreciative of the opportunity to intervene in a situation that could result in a tragic terrorist situation. I think the average Texan, just as the average American, would appreciate knowing that when they go to the store or send their children to school, law enforcement is on the job and has the tools they need to act preventatively to ensure that we can do these mundane activities without fear. I believe in supporting law enforcement in the important work that they do and this bill explicitly supports law enforcement by giving them the tools they need. I am a homeowner in Texas and a registered voter and I vote in primaries and general elections and gun safety is an issue that I am keenly interested in as the grandmother of two grandchildren. I want to be able to shop for groceries and take them to school without fear. Please consider supporting this bill. Thank you.

George Brian Vachris, P.E.  
self retired  
Humble, TX

I oppose this bill. It places an extra burden on FFL dealers.

Sally Anderson  
Teacher / Self  
Austin, TX

I'm a Texan and a teacher. I am writing because I support measures like this that will help keep our classrooms and communities safe. I, for one, have felt unsafe every day at work since Uvalde. I implore you to help to take action and support HB 22 and help protect my students among others.

Jeana Foxman  
Temple Emanu-El Dallas  
Dallas, TX

On behalf of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, a Reform Jewish congregation with over 2,700 voting-eligible members, we are writing to comment on legislation being heard by your committee on Tuesday, April 18 2023. Our specific positions on the legislation in front of your committee will follow our explanation of how our religious values and faith grounds our viewpoints.

“You shall not stand idly by while the blood of your neighbor is shed,” the Bible instructs us in Leviticus 19:16. Our neighbors’ blood was shed in Uvalde in May of 2022. Uvalde is not the first instance of mass murder; too many other Texas communities have been shattered by needless gun violence by individuals with assault rifles. In houses of worship, schools, medical offices, and grocery stores, at malls, on city streets, and in homes, families and communities are being shattered by gun violence.

The gun violence is not slowing or stopping, and instead continues to spiral out of control both close to home and across the country. As Jews working side by side with other Texans of many faiths, our shared ethical responsibilities as people of faith hold us all accountable for responding to this needless and heartbreaking violence with swift and meaningful action that will help us repair the world and the communities that have been devastated by gun violence.

We are in support of the following legislation and urge you to move the bills to the floor of the House: HB 22, HB 106, HB 236, HB 298, HB 2744, HB 3534, and HB 4472. We believe this legislation, and other similar proposed legislation, will help reduce gun violence in our state without denying lawful citizens their second amendment rights.

We oppose the following legislation: HB 1894. We believe this bill is detrimental to the safety of our communities, perpetuating the environment that allows gun violence to escalate.

We urge you to do everything in your power to bring bills to the House floor that promote the lifesaving work of gun violence reduction efforts and respond to the sacred obligations of the Bible. Working together, we can reduce the rising rates of mass shootings, suicide by gun shot and death in domestic disputes, and other gun-inflicted homicides.

Respectfully submitted,

The Clergy, Board of Trustees, and Advocacy Committee of Temple Emanu-El Dallas

FRANCES BRIGGS  
North Shore Democrats of Travis County  
LAGO VISTA, TX

I support requiring restricting and reporting gun sales.

Jonathan Windsor  
Self  
Celina, TX

I am against this bill. Pointless legislation that will only create havoc for firearms sales. This bill does nothing to stop criminals, but it does affect law abiding citizens and businesses. Stop attacking our God-given Constitutional rights.

Michael Short, Mr.  
Self  
Brookeland, TX

I am AGAINST this bill.

Maryann Riordan  
Self, Retired  
Livingston, TX

I support this bill

Amanda El Khoury  
Moms Demand Action  
SAN ANTONIO, TX

Please hear our voices. We are requesting safety for children and community members. I hate sending my son to school in the mornings wondering if it's going to be the last time I see him if a shooting were to happen at this school. He's only 6 and I can't imagine the fear he would have if a shooter came into his classroom.

Breann Bruton  
Self  
Austin, TX

I fully support this bill and demand action by our honorable representatives

Marilyn Potler  
myself - retired  
Conroe, TX

I strongly support legislation which will prohibit the sale of weapons such as automatic and emit-automatic weapons to those under age 21, to require safe and secure storage of all weapons, and to allow seizure of weapons from individuals who present a danger to themselves and others, including domestic violence situations.

Jennifer NICAS  
Self  
Humble, TX

Please pass this bill. There is no reason someone should need multiple firearms or magazines so at the very least it should be reported

Elizabeth Steele  
Clinical Social Worker  
HOUSTON, TX

Please work to insure Community Safety in the Public Health and Safety threat of the unregulated sales of firearms and unsecured weapons! We need public safety measures with gun ownership in our State!

Elva Mendoza  
self, public health social worker  
Austin, TX

HB 22: SUPPORT. I fully support this life-saving legislation. Local law enforcement should be alerted in the event someone known to them as having violent tendencies is amassing weapons and ammo. The federal government has been collecting this kind of data for years on handguns, and no "registry" has resulted. This in no way infringes on or endangers the rights to keep and bear arms we currently enjoy.

Jo Foley  
self/none  
Henderson, TX

I am very much AGAINST HB 22. It is very common for a person that is looking to get a firearm, to want to buy more than 1 and to get the magazines that go with them. This is just another way to take away our 2nd Amendment RIGHTS.

Lisa Phillips, Mrs.  
self  
Houston, TX

There is absolutely no reason any citizen should be accumulating firearms such as the AR-15. This is a not a recreational hunting gun. It is a war weapon adapted for consumers that is repeatedly used for killing others in mass shootings. Texas should lead in efforts to end these mass shootings rather than declaring open season on its citizens.

Epi Camacho  
self  
San Antonio, TX

this bill is a violation of our privacy and 2nd amendment rights. It will do nothing more than create a backdoor gun registry in our state and be a slippery slope to gun confiscation. I and countless others have fought for our 2nd amendment rights here in the Great State of Texas and the very idea that this bill is being considered is a travesty. Thank you

Alan Higginbotham  
self  
Reklaw, TX

I oppose HB 22. Firearms purchases are regulated enough. The people committing gun violence do not obey the laws. This is just another attempt to infringe on the 2nd Amendment rights of the law abiding citizens. No, oppose it.

Alan Higginbotham

Rachel Dicker  
self  
Austin, TX

I support HB22!

EVE MARGOLIS  
self  
Austin, TX

Support HB 22. More guns are not making us safer.

Elizabeth Wally  
self  
Dallas, TX

Support  
Needed and common sense!

Allen Dinsmore  
SELF  
Mineola, TX

Unconstitutional! End this ludicrous bill immediately and then burn it.

Cindy Samuelson

self

Dallas, TX

Writing in strong support--it's past time to take action--there's no easy solution but the TX-lege needs to whittle away at the problem of gun violence in our state NOW. This is a good step.

Toby Gonzalez

Self/Sales associate

Uvalde, TX

Understandably, there are some cases for a company or owner of a business to purchase a number of firearms and magazines. I for one would like for there to be some sort of red flag to go off for those who are buying as such just because they want to. There is no need for an 18 year old to purchase and stock up on these items. The age for one should be raised to 21, exceptions can be made for military personnel. There should be a screening as to if this person has had mental health assistance of any sort. Examples can be medications, counseling, reports of abuse, etc. I might be reaching for this one but also this person should be a high school graduate as well. A person who didn't complete their education will be less likely to care for gun safety and gun education. In general I would like for the purchase of firearms to be very strict. The rate of gun violence in through the roof. Help us get the guns out of the wrong hands for the sake of our future.

Norma Hackler

SELF

Austin, TX

I am in favor of this bill. It makes sense to required a report of multiple firearms and magazine in order to keep law enforcement informed AND to protect communities

Julie Marinucci

self - Tax Accountant

Houston, TX

I support this bill. It is commonsense.

Al Lindsey, M.D.

Moms Demand Action, Texas Gun Sense, Texas Gun Owners for Safety, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, Austin Chapter  
Austin, TX

No hunter or sporting shooter needs to purchase multiple firearms or multiple magazines at a time, unless he or she is leaving on an African safari. I submit that that number of folks would be very small.

Kristin Jarzombek

Texas Moms Making Decisions

Austin, TX

I support passage of this bill

Al Lindsey

Moms Demand Action, Texas Gun Sense, Texas Gun Owners for Safety, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, Austin Chapter  
Austin, TX

It might have been life-saving in Uvalde last May if the Robb Elementary shooter had been flagged when he bought 2 (count 'em, 2) assault rifles on or just after his 18th birthday. Such purchases, including of magazines, especially high-capacity ones, should alert law enforcement immediately, without exception.

Sarah Mills, Dr.

Self

Austin, TX

I support this bill. Anything we can do to limit the number of bullets that get fired into children in schools is an important measure to take.

Greg Swanger

Freedom

cost, TX

This bill along with a dozen or so others like 106, 202, 533 ETC is nothing more than the violation of our second amendment rights which "shall not be infringed". We the people of Texas know that good people with guns is the only way to stop bad people with guns. Do not limit our ability to protect Texas by restricting our God giving right to keep and carry arms.

Ashley Hux Pickering

Self

Arlington, TX

I believe this could greatly help because it could flag someone who is buying multiple guns that could be used or sold for harm.

Cathy Elmore

Self

Houston, TX

I strongly support HB 22 to make our children, communities and state a safer place. Please vote this bill out of committee and encourage calendars to schedule it for the full house.

Thank you for your service.

Cathy

bill kelberlau, CAPT USN Ret

T4T

georgetown, TX

unacceptable overreach tracking legitimate buyers/collectors/investors who will but a small to large collection from any source, estates etc.

Drury Stevenson

myself

Kingwood, TX

I am writing to urge Texas legislators to support HB 22, which would require the report of certain sales of multiple firearms and multiple firearm magazines. This is a sensible regulation that will promote public safety and aid law enforcement in catching criminals and even in preventing some crimes. The simple reporting requirements do not infringe in any way on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens, because they can easily obtain and possess weapons for personal self-defense. We need to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and those who have severe mental impairments. Please pass this legislation!

Kathy Ponce

Self

Maypearl, TX

I strongly OPPOSE this bill

Harold Waters, Mr.

self

Houston, TX

This is excessive and imposes unnecessary burdens on the citizens of this state. Please do not vote for this bill.

Frances Peterson

Self

Austin, TX

Please make this world a safer and better place for our kids.

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Alan Dickinson  
Self  
San Antonio, TX  
I oppose this bill

JAMES JORDAN  
Self  
CARROLLTON, TX

I OPPOSE ALL anti-gun bills that place further burdens on law-abiding gun owners and sportsmen!  
In order to improve safety, make stiffer penalties for those who commit gun crimes.

James Baker  
Texas Resident  
Georgetown, TX

This Texas Resident opposes this bill and any bill thereof such language.

Tony Pavia, Mr  
Self  
Vidor, TX

Other constitution states that there should be no infringement of the second amendment We come together to fight against the following house bills :

House Bill 22  
House Bill 236  
House Bill 298  
House Bill 2744

No infringement means NO INFRINGEMENT AGAINST THE SECOND AMENDMENT. Support us and do not vote for these bills

trevor smith, mr  
self - retired  
johnson city, TX

please adhere to the second amendement of the constitution and stop trying to subvert said constitution. You were elected to uphold the laws of Texas and support the constitution of th United States - not to impose your personal left wing anti-conservative views on the Texas citizens.

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Tim Cleverdon  
Self, Marketing/Pest Control  
MIDLAND, TX

If Mr Moody would do some homework, he will discover that the ATF already has rules & reporting requirements regarding multiple gun purchases.

Multiple firearms sales; be they handguns or certain long guns, require notification to the ATF and/or CLEO (Chief Law Enforcement Officer). There is also a delay in transferring requirement for these type of transactions if more than 2 certain firearm types are purchased within 5 work days of one another. These rules provide more than adequate checks and balances for law abiding citizens.

What our lawmakers SHOULD be doing is AGGRESSIVELY ENFORCING EXISTING LAWS; and SENTENCING those who break our laws, especially those regarding crimes involving firearms.

Just what new law will legislate behavior? Answer: none. Will incarceration change behavior? Perhaps, perhaps not. But at least the convicted criminal will not re-offend and be able to harm citizens for a while.

Debra Carrico, Mrs  
Self. HUMAN  
League City, TX  
SAY NO TO THIS

Roger Myers  
self  
Call, TX

The only people affected by this bill will be law abiding citizens

Nancy Taylor  
Self  
Ennis, TX

ALL gun laws are against the Constitution. Criminals will get any firearms or magazines they want, because THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT LAWS!

Timothy Harmon

Self

Mingus, TX

Read the 2nd Amendment! There is a very good reason that it's so high on the Bill of Rights. Nowhere in the Bill of Rights does it state how many guns and magazines we are limited to. Granted there were no magazines or semi-automatic firearms back then but did they limit people on how many muskets they could buy? No they did not...

Our Forefathers knew what they were doing in 1791 because they knew that there would be a day when tyranny would try to take away our sacred 2nd Amendment. Right about now, I'm sure that our beloved Forefathers are spinning in their graves for the way this country has turned for the worse. Yet, this isn't about the United States, this is Texas business and that is why I'm voicing my opinion/concerns.

Texas WILL NOT turn into another California. Take a real good look at California's gun related crime rate pre-ban and post-ban of certain firearms. It only got worse there. Is this what you want here?

Back to buying multiple firearms at once. Frankly it's nobody's business on how many firearms an individual wants to buy. This bill should have never made it this far but unfortunately it has. Why not call a state election on all of these bills? Let the citizens vote on it. Then it would be settled and made into law.

Last but not least, I don't know of one God fearing, law abiding red blooded gun owning Texas that will comply with any of these bills if they are made into law. Texas does not have the financial resources to go from door to door to see what a person has or doesn't have regarding firearms. I. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Highest Regards,

T.H.

Michael Powers

Self/petrochemical

Seadrift, TX

Please vote no to all bills!!!

Richard Duvall

Self

Baytown, TX

Why don't politicians work on the border crisis . Why don't you'll have a death penalty clause when felon uses gun in a crime . U don't get get 20 yrs to file all kinds of appeals. U get 7 days.Then firing squad or hanging.. I am a law abiding citizen. Why should I be penalizing for some jackass.

Richard Duvall

Michael Wessinger

Patriots

Brenham, TX

I fail to see how this will benefit anyone. All this is going to do will create a surge in filed reports.

Mark Russell  
Self  
Houston, TX

I am writing to register my opposition to HB 22.

I strongly oppose HB 22 because it will restrict Second Amendment rights and invade privacy. HB 22 will require federal firearm licensed dealers to report multiple firearms transactions -- sales that are conducted after a state and federal records check -- to state and local law enforcement. There is no language in the bill outlining what authorities are to do with this information or prohibiting the creation of a firearms registry.

Therefore I respectfully ask the committee members to vote against HB 22.

Thank you.

Charles Goldsmith, Retired maintenance supervisor  
Self  
Victoria Texas, TX

We have enough restrictions on the second amendment. Leave it alone!!

Charles Goldsmith, Maintenance supervisor  
Self  
Victoria, TX

We should be able to own any amount of lawful weapons we want or need

Ian Kress  
Myself. Engineer.  
Nassau Bay, TX

I am against this bill. This would require the reporting and creation of a database to track legal activity – that of buying more than a single firearm or 3 magazines in 5 days. It snoops and intrudes on the legal activity of citizens, without serving any crime fighting purpose. Crime is high because DA's in Harris, Dallas, Bexar, and Travis counties don't prosecute criminals.

Dee Oliver  
Self/retired  
New Braunfels, TX

Gun reform is needed NOW

Stephanie Scherr  
Self  
Houston, TX

Please vote and pass HB 2744. This is important.

Kelley Rumps  
self/retired  
The Woodlands, TX

I oppose this bill.

Mary Taylor, Ms

The majority of Texas citizens

Austin, TX

Please protect us from the rampant gun violence! High capacity magazines are weapons of war. If a gun enthusiast wants to target practice they can rent the equipment for temporary use for the fun and sport.

Karen miller

Retired

AUSTIN, TX

This would make the community safer!

Diane Hall, Mrs

Individual

Lampasas, TX

The government has no right to restrict lawful purchase, regardless of the quantity. And there is no language here preventing you from creating an illegal registry.

Sharon Bennett

Self retired

New Braunfels, TX

Please -lease vote YES to all these bills

David Durkovic

Self - retired

Bryan, TX

Any bill that creates a database of legal gun purchases is akin to registrations and is unconstitutional.

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Amanda L'Esperance

Self

Cooper, TX

OPPOSE

James Carlisle

Self

Alvin, TX

Creating a gun registry does not mitigate the criminal from performing criminal acts as criminals do not obtain firearms legally. This proposal has the potential to create criminals out of the law-abiding citizen, burden the courts and place the blame of criminal activity upon the lawful.