

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Submitted to the Committee on Community Safety, Select
For HB 106

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Hearing Date: April 18, 2023 9:00 AM

Katie Elizabeth Dunnavant

Self

Alvin, TX

Please do what it takes to save our innocent children. Enough is enough.

John Bolgiano

Self - Retired

Llano, TX

OPPOSED

This bill would create a de facto gun registry, tracking and recording the perfectly lawful behavior of Texas citizens. If a parent is preparing to take their children on their very first hunting trip and wants to get them each a new rifle, are they now such a danger to the safety of society that they must be reported to law enforcement?

Geroge Clement

self

Austin, TX

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

Carolyn Hidges

Myself

Dripping Springs, TX

Against: Data bases of tracking the God given human rights as acknowledged in our Constitution is against our basic rights.

Wendy McRoberts

Self

Danbury, TX

I support required reporting of multiple sales of certain firearms to law enforcement.

Linda McCullough

Self

Lago vista, TX

All sales of multiple firearms to any agency should be reported and when an agency disposes of any firearm, the when, where and to whom should also be reported.

Jeanne Mixon

Self retired

Pflugerville, TX

I am writing in support of HB 106 which would require the reporting of multiple sales of certain firearms to law enforcement. I believe this is a pro law enforcement bill that would allow our police officers to investigate people who appear to be arming themselves in advance of a terrorist attack. I believe that in a free society we deserve to be protected from people who want to do us harm and that the best way to accomplish that is to act proactively to prevent acts of terror whether foreign or domestic before they occur. Multiple purchases of military grade hardware can be a sign that an individual is making plans to do violence to our community and I believe that we deserve the opportunity to intervene. I also believe in supporting our police officers and giving them the tools they need to do their important jobs. I am homeowner in Texas and I am registered to vote and I do vote in all primaries and elections. Gun safety is a very important issue to me because I have two grandchildren in Texas schools and I want to feel safe doing mundane tasks like grocery shopping without fear of terrorist attacks such as happened in Uvalde. Thank you for considering my comments.

George Brian Vachris, P.E.

self retired

Humble, TX

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

Jeana Foxman
Temple Emanu-El of 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

Jonathan Windsor
Self
Celina, TX

I oppose this bill. Another pointless bill that violates Federal law whereas you cannot make a gun registry.

Maritza Wong, Mrs.
Self - Stay at home mom
Manvel, TX

I support this bill. It is a common sense measure that will save lives. Thank you.

Maryann Riordan
Self, Retired
Livingston, TX

I support this bill.

Amanda El Khoury
Self
SAN ANTONIO, TX

Please I beg you let’s help keep our children safer while at school.

Breann Bruton

Self

Austin, TX

I fully support this bill and ask the honorable commission to support reasonable gun safety measures.

Jennifer NICAS

Self

Humble, TX

No one needs multiple firearms, but if it is allowed there should be reporting and alerts to authorities

Elizabeth Steele

Clinical Social Worker

HOUSTON, TX

Please support measures that keep our law enforcement aware of potential threats--these are community safety measures! Thank YOU

Elva Mendoza

self; public health social worker

Austin, TX

HB 106: 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 assault weapons. 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.

EVE MARGOLIS

self

Austin, TX

So many mass shootings show that perpetrators had recently purchased a lot of firearms. This is one more way to get prior warning and could save lives.

Elizabeth Wally

self

Dallas, TX

Support

Every small step will make us safer and there are so many of those killing who have many guns not just one!

Allen Dinsmore

SELF

Mineola, TX

UNCONSTITUTIONAL!!! End this insane bill and then burn it. Stop attempting to add any more laws to law abiding Texans. We will be the only ones affected by these stupid laws. Thank you!

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.

Patricia Goforth
self- real estate agent
Austin, TX

I support this bill

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. Who would NOT want law enforcement to know?

Kristin Jarzombek
self, physician
Austin, TX

I support this bill

Al Lindsey, M.D.

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

Again, local law enforcement authorities should be alerted immediately if anyone, but especially a young man between the ages of 18 and 20 years 11 months, and 29 days, buys 1 or more assault weapons or high-capacity magazines. Those items were invented to kill multiple persons as rapidly as possible. I speak as a Vietnam Veteran who was in Saigon before, during and after the Tet offensive of 1968.

Sarah Mills, Dr.
Self
Austin, TX

I support this bill. We need more gun control and monitoring in our communities. We need to look out for each other.

Cathy Elmore
Self, retired
Houston, TX

I strongly support HB 106 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

the reporting requirements has no reasonable justification and the penalty is totally out of proportion

Drury Stevenson
myself and my family
Kingwood, TX

I write to urge Texas legislators to support HB 106, which is a bill that would aid law enforcement in detecting crime, preventing mass shootings and gun trafficking, and help keep guns away from criminals and those with severe mental impairments. This bill does not in any way infringe on the ability of law-abiding adults in Texas to exercise their Second Amendment right to self-defense. Please pass this law - we need to reduce gun violence in Texas and protect our children and other innocent victims from these deadly attacks.

Harold Waters
self
Houston, TX

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

Steven Price
The V.O.I.C.E.S. Foundation
San Antonio, TX

The VOICES of Our Veterans are In support of HB- 106.

Sec. 411.222. REQUIRED REPORTING BY A LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER.

A licensed firearms dealer shall report the sale of more than one rifle or semiautomatic rifle to the same buyer, during a single transaction or multiple transactions in a five business day period, to the department and the police department of the municipality in which the licensed firearms dealer is located or, if the licensed firearms dealer is not located in a municipality, the sheriff of the county in which the licensed firearms dealer is located.

Sec. 411.223. OFFENSE. A person who violates this sub chapter commits an offense. An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

Thank you,

Steven C. Price
Founder,
The VOICES of Our Veterans

Jo Foley
self/none
Henderson, TX

I am against HB 106 and I also feel it could be used for some sort of registry and red flag. I am always against the government keeping tabs on law-abiding gun owners.

Diane McMichael
Self
Austin, TX

This would allow law enforcement to notify parents if teens purchase multiple rifles in a short period of time. This would keep Texans safer. Please support.

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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.

trevor s

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.

Debbie Carrico

SELF AMERICAN

League City, TX

SAY NO TO THIS BILL

Charles Parish, Rev.

Self, Retired Pastor

El Paso, TX

I just completed a visit by my three adult sons who live in three different states. While they were here, I took them to the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club where we spent several hours shooting at targets with three of my semi-automatic pistols, my 9mm pcc rifle, and an AR 15, We had a wonderful time talking and shooting. I chose to live in Texas where my 2nd amendment rights are protected and celebrated. We do not need the government or any agency keeping tabs on how many guns we buy! I trust that our elected representatives will continue to uphold or constitutional rights and vote against this asinine bill!

Richard Duvall

Self

Baytown, TX

As a law abiding citizen I should have the right not have the police or law enforcement involved in a legal transaction
Richard Duvall

Mark Russell
Self
Houston, TX

I am writing to register my opposition to HB 106.

I strongly oppose HB 106 because it will restrict Second Amendment rights and invade privacy. HB 106 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 106.

Thank you.

Charles Goldsmith, Retired maintenance supervisor
Self
Victoria, TX

We have enough laws on the books now against the second amendment.

Ian Kress
Myself. Engineer.
Nassau Bay, TX

I am against this bill. As with HB22, just this time with semi-automatic rifles, this bill seeks to track and database fully legal activity, without any legitimated crime fighting purpose, instead merely to snoop on gun buyers and create a register of firearms.

Kelley Rumps
self/retired
The Woodlands, TX
I oppose this bill.

Mary Taylor, Ms
The Majority of Texas citizens-pharmacist
Austin, TX

Please protect us from the rampant gun violence. Ideally, we would like for the gun violence to be prevented. I'm for this bill.

Karen miller
Retired
AUSTIN, TX

This is a good idea to control mass shootings!

Erica Paniagua
Self, property manager
Austin, TX

I'm on board with this!

David Durkovic

Self - retires

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

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