

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Submitted to the Committee on Community Safety, Select
For HB 3271

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Hearing Date: April 18, 2023 9:00 AM

Geroge Clement

self

Austin, TX

Against - require the seizure of firearms from persons subject to emergency detention, rather than leave it up to the particular details of the situation.

Eric Kunish, Chair

National Alliance on Mental Illness-Central Texas Affiliate

Austin, TX

We support this bill.

Dr. Shannon Johnson, Medical Doctor

Shannon A. JohnsonMD,PA

Bedford, TX

Hello, I would like to have the issue addressed that a medical profession should have the ability to report a person who in their professional opinion should not be allowed to purchase or own a firearm due to a mental illness, even if it is not at imminent danger to themselves or others and they have not been committed to a mental institution.

Sarah Kienle, Dr.

myself

McGregor, TX

Please support this critical bill that would make Texans - like my family, including my first grade son, safer in schools and the community. Gun violence is the leading cause of death of children, and you have the power to make a real difference and save the lives of children. Use your power for good - support this, and other, common sense gun control measures.

Linda McCullough

Self

Lago vista, TX

I support the seizure of firearms during the emergency detention of someone who may be suffering from mental illness and returning them only after the person is determined by professional evaluation by at least 3 psychiatrists to be a safe risk around firearms.

Carol Jacoby, Mrs

self

San Marcos, TX

Against HB 3271

Alison Killian

SELF, SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

Austin, TX

Putting firearms in the hands of the mentally ill or the mentally unprepared is disastrous. Allowing people suffering from mental illness have guns in emergency situations is putting all our children's lives at risk. Please do something!

Jonathan Windsor

Self

Celina, TX

I am against this bill. No due process.

Maryann Riordan

Self, Retired

Livingston, TX

I support this bill

Delaina Bishop

SELF/Parent

Austin, TX

I HIGHLY SUPPORT this bill. We need more red tape for gun purchases. Law abiding responsible gun owners support training, licensing, red flag laws and holds, raising the age, adding waiting periods, and banning weapons that make loved ones unrecognizable when murdered!

EVE MARGOLIS

self

Austin, TX

Support HB 3271

Allen Dinsmore

self

Mineola, TX

UNCONSTITUTIONAL!!!! End this bill and burn it to ashes! Stop attempting to add more laws that only law-abiding citizens will comply with! Only armed law-abiding citizens, or first responders, can save peoples lives or stop armed bad people from doing much harm to the innocent. This bill, if law, gives no discretion to the officials dealing with a person. Ask any law enforcement officer if they have dealt with a human that was just having a bad day or just needed a little help but was absolutely a moral citizen otherwise. No to this bill! THANK YOU!

Norma Hackler

SELF

Austin, TX

I am in favor of this bill. It makes sense to seize a weapon on emergence from a person with a mental illness so the individual and others are kept safe.

Al Lindsey, M.D.

Moms Demand Action, Texas Gun Sense

Austin, TX

Another bill creating a "red flag law," a good idea.

Sean Kienle

Inflammatix

Mc Gregor, TX

I am in favor of this bill

Cathy Elmore

Self, retired CPA

Houston, TX

I strongly support HB 3271 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.

I appreciate your service.

Cathy

Kristin Escamilla

self

Austin, TX

This is a safeguard to keep people safe when they are at their most vulnerable. This will not only protect others but the owner as well.

Charlene Shafer

Self, Retired Teacher

Cypress, TX

Protections are needed to prevent persons with mental illness from possessing & using firearms. Please vote YES on this bill.

bill kelberlau, CAPT USN Ret

T4T

georgetown, TX

a peace officer should retain the discretion of what to do with a firearm; legislators should not supercede their authority

Sandra Muscle

Self

Lantana, TX

This is a very real issue for my family. My Mom had to flee her home/marriage of 34yrs because my Dad threatened to kill her. He should never have had his guns returned. While their divorce is final she still lives in fear he will snap and hurt her and my disabled brother.

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.

Elva Mendoza

Self; public health social worker

Austin, TX

I support this bill, which would further public safety. No one in the middle of a mental health crisis should have access to a firearm. Any seized firearms can be returned when appropriate.

Jo Foley

self/none

Henderson, TX

I am against HB 3271. I am against every bill that wants to take our gun and does not provide in the law a means for the police to RETURN the gun to the owner. Also, how do you define someone having a mental crisis?

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Mark Russell
Self
Houston, TX

I am writing to register my opposition to HB 3271.

I strongly oppose HB 3271 because it will restrict Second Amendment rights and due process. Mental illness is a highly subjective diagnosis and is not necessarily an indicator of violent crime.

Therefore I respectfully ask the committee members to vote against HB 3271.

Thank you.

Ian Kress
Myself. Engineer.
Nassau Bay, TX

I am against this bill. This bill would require the seizure of firearms from persons subject to emergency detention, rather than leave it up to the particular details of the situation. As subject is already being detailed, and will not have access to their firearms, it is sufficient to allow the decision as to if firearms need to be seized to the law enforcement personal involved.

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. Some politicians say that it's mental illness that causes the gun violence so let's protect the vulnerable from the known mentally ill. I'm for this bill.

Karen miller
Retired
AUSTIN, TX

A good bill for community safety!