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For SB 1518

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I am Against SB 1518

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This bill casts a WIDE net over the entire criminal justice system and creates unnecessary reporting requirements for ALL of these charges. Terrorism should be a very narrow and specific type of charge base reserved for those who use violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims (per Webster). This net would be more appropriately named a Violence Registry vs. Terrorism based on the charges looking to be included. Terrorism should be very specific and measured - be it committed by domestic actors (like the insurrection) or international actors (like 9/11).

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Really: adults not children care for trauma. Sad to see this twisted piece of legislation. Trying to keep \$\$\$ donations and vote of NRA and their fanatics...as they are fast becoming a minority in Texas. Blindly following like sheep into a pit of gun violence. In Houston we're literally avoiding freeways, feeders, gas stations, and malls as we shut down in fear of this open carry permit less gun violence!!!! And watching from House like deers in a headlight. Former History teacher here who along with class saw KKK burning a cross on our schools front yard!! Just because our school was offering a Black History elective. Real live history lesson! Saddened by this blindness to real Texans. Born and raised here and UT grad. All of Texas 5 metro areas flipped to BLUE. Leaves shrinking rural RED population!! With vision anyone can see Yexas flipping to big BLUE. And backward looking legislators out as we grow away from out of control Gun violence. Please give us Gun free school zones and prohibit "pdermitless carry and the sale of automatic military style weapons in our Texas!!!