

## **Support HB914**

Gun Theft Felony Act of 2020

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I'm a little surprised that theft of a firearm is not already a felony. With all the proposed increased penalties for citizens who legally own but improperly store, lend, or own certain firearms, how could theft of a firearm not be treated more seriously?

People steal firearms to commit violent crimes with them...that's "gun violence." The actual perpetrators of gun violence need to be locked up, where hopefully they can get the help they need to restructure their lives. Most importantly, if they are in jail, they are not continuing the cycle of gun violence.

Isn't making theft of a firearm a felony just common sense?