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I do not understand this body. The nature of this bill seems to be to attack newly minted concealed carry permit holders in an attempt to dissuade us from exercising our right to carrying firearms outside the home for self-defense.

This is the time where you should be strengthening our **rights**, not attacking us. If you must move forward with this, please remove the jail time and amend it to be a fine. If you cannot see fit to do that, limit the jail time to two years or less for those who did not intend to break the law. This is yet another attack on otherwise law-abiding citizens exercising out constitutionally protected **right**.

When driving with my daughters from point A to point B is where I feel the least safe. Carjackings have increased greatly. Do you expect me to disarm myself and not be able to protect them? This does not meet the requirements of history, text, and tradition as set for in the Bruen decision.

The Bruen Court ruled that “the standard for applying the Second Amendment is as follows: When the Second Amendment’s plain text covers an individual’s conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct.”. All this bill seeks to do it through me in prison, strip me of my **right** to keep and bear arms, and catastrophically harm my children and my wife in convicted.

Neighboring states have higher rates of concealed carry holders and much lower murder rates as a result. Having more guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens makes us safer in general, and there is plenty of proof, if you would just open your minds to the possibility that this bill is a step in the wrong direction.