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A total of 13 bills have been introduced in this legislative session that pertains to fire arms. There are two particular pieces of legislation that are of extreme concern to me. They are senate bills 161, and 122. SB 161 calls for banning "ammunition feeding devices that accept more than 10 rounds." Senate bill 122 if passed would outlaw any firearm that fires more than a single shot. I stand before you today in protest against these two proposals. There is no doubt in my mind that those who advocate such legislation have nothing but the best of intentions when it comes to providing safety to our children and families. I am not here to slander or condemn those who disagree with my stance. I am simply here to make those in opposition of my stance aware of the unintended consequences brought about by gun bans. I do not, nor have I ever, owned a firearm. If someone were to ask me why I have never owned a firearm my answer would simply be, "Because I never felt the need to own a firearm much less a fully automatic assault rifle." And so has been the common rebuttal against the right to bear arms. And in many ways it is a very good question most often asked. Why on earth would anyone want to own a semi-automatic assault rifle? I will tell you why. People who possess such weaponry are not people who suffer from paranoia, but are in fact people who know their history. These are people who are well aware of the dangers and horrific consequences of an overreaching government that slowly inches toward the road to serfdom as a result of well-intended legislation that brought about unintended consequences. Due to time constraints I'll spare you the history lesson and instead just encourage you to do your own research on the outcomes of nations that disarmed their populace simply under the guise of, "For the common good." Spoiler alert: Those outcomes were far bloodier than what happened at Sandy Hook. Now let me be clear. I am not implying that our legislators who propose gun control laws do so with the same motives as someone like an Adolf Hitler. I am just simply alerting them of the unintended consequences, or the slippery slope if you will of gun control. As I stated before, I have never found any reason to own or possess an AR-15. But, when I see my federal government passing unconstitutional legislation such as the Patriot Act which strips us of our inalienable right to be safe and secure in our persons, places, properties and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, I have cause for concern. When I hear things like the U.S. House of Representatives passing legislation like the Cyber Information and Security Protection Act which would allow companies to bypass all existing privacy laws to spy on communications and pass sensitive user data to the government, I start to get more concerned. When the United Nations launches a little thing called Agenda 21 which undermines the leadership of local municipal governments via unelected U.N. workers, I become even more concerned. And when my President approves legislation like section 1021 of the defense authorization act which allows the military to indefinitely detain citizens without trial all in the name of "protecting us from terrorists," I then start to think, "Gee, maybe arming myself to the fullest might not be such a bad idea." And that is why people arm themselves. If we want to be safe, we must arm ourselves and not the government.