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I am asking you to vote "Ought to Pass" on this bill, LD 424 An Act Concerning the Concealed Carrying of a Handgun by an Individual Who is 18 Years of Age but Under 21 Years of Age.

Citizens within this range are legal adults, with all of the responsibilities that come with reaching the age of majority, including voting and registering for Selective Service. As such, they are entitled to the same rights as older citizens. Law enforcement has no legal obligation to protect them, per *Warren v. District of Columbia*. They MUST be allowed take measures to protect themselves and their loved ones.

In regards to each of the four bills being heard today attempting to remove some restrictions of permitless carry, it is important to note that these laws were only ever codified to harm minorities, particularly blacks. The first firearm carry permits ever written in America were contained in section 35 of the 1705 Virginia Slave Codes. Nothing has particularly changed in the 300 years since, as evidenced by the doubled rate of denials for blacks than whites. Then you have one of the most stark examples of civil rights violations in modern time: New York City's "stop and frisk" policy. A policy supported by all of the gun control advocates here today, including YOU, Senator Anne Carney.

On the back of this testimony, you will find a scan of the original American carry permits I referenced. If you choose not to pass this bill, you are proudly supporting this nation's long history of racial oppression.

Denounce racism. Pass this bill.

remain upon his or her plantation, above four hours at any one time, without the leave of such slave's master, mistress, or overseer, on penalty of one hundred and fifty pounds of tobacco to the informer; cognizable by a justice of the peace of the county wherein such offence shall be committed.

XXXIII. *Provided also,* That if any runaway servant, adjudged to serve for the charges of his or her pursuit and recovery, shall, at the time, he or she is so adjudged, repay and satisfy, or give good security before the court, for repayment and satisfaction of the same, to his or her master or owner, within six months after, such master or owner shall be obliged to accept thereof, in lieu of the service given and allowed for such charges and disbursements.

Runaway servants may give security to repay expenses.

XXXIV. And if any slave resist his master, or owner, or other person, by his or her order, correcting such slave, and shall happen to be killed in such correction, it shall not be accounted felony; but the master, owner, and every such other person so giving correction, shall be free and acquit of all punishment and accusation for the same, as if such accident had never happened: And also, if any negro, mulatto, or Indian, bond or free, shall at any time, lift his or her hand, in opposition against any christian, not being negro, mulatto, or Indian, he or she so offending, shall, for every such offence, proved by the oath of the party, receive on his or her bare back, thirty lashes, well laid on; cognizable by a justice of the peace for that county wherein such offence shall be committed.

Killing slaves, under correction, no felony.

Penalty on slave resisting a white person.

XXXV. *And also be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, and it is hereby enacted,* That no slave go armed with gun, sword, club, staff, or other weapon, nor go from off the plantation and seat of land where such slave shall be appointed to live, without a certificate of leave in writing, for so doing, from his or her master, mistress, or overseer: And if any slave shall be found offending herein, it shall be lawful for any person or persons to apprehend and deliver such slave to the next constable or head-borough, who is hereby enjoined and required, without further order or warrant, to give such slave twenty lashes on his or her bare back, well laid on, and so send him or her home: And all horses, cattle, and hogs, now belonging, or that hereafter shall be-

Guns, &c. found in possession of slaves.

Horses, &c. belonging to slaves may be seized.