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### State Senator Roland Gutierrez comments on HB 2744 being killed

*The Texas Legislature has done nothing on gun safety legislation all session long.*

**Austin, Texas** – This morning, State Senator Roland Gutierrez released a statement in response to HB 2744 being killed before reaching calendars. HB 2744 was authored by Rep. Tracy King and would have raised the age limit to purchase semiautomatic rifles to 21. The bill was [voted out of the House Select Committee on Community Safety](#) on Monday, but did not make it onto the House calendar by the 10:00 P.M. deadline on Tuesday, May 9th.

“How dare Greg Abbott, Dan Patrick, Dade Phelan, Dustin Burrows and Ryan Guillen make these families live through this torture day after day. They lack any sort of fortitude to stand up and do something to keep our kids from being killed. Santa Fe, Uvalde, El Paso, and now Allen parents have showed up and pleaded with lawmakers who will cry with them one moment and stab them in the back the next,” Gutierrez stated.

“We knew the children that died in the Uvalde massacre were braver than the DPS, but now we know that they were braver than these Republican lawmakers in the Texas legislature. They faced the end of the gun because these five men are too gutless to stand up to the gun lobby.”

During this legislative session, Senator Gutierrez has authored [commonsense gun safety legislation](#), which large majorities of Texans agree with, including [gun safety](#), reckless gun sales, and restrictions on the purchasing age of semiautomatic rifles. All of which have been censored by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.

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