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Senate Democrats Put Politics over Safety

In case you missed it, last week my bill, [SB 938](#), was killed in committee. It is very disappointing that Senate Democrats are willing to put politics over people's safety.

The purpose of SB 938 was to target criminals who have already been convicted of a crime with a firearm and then used a firearm again in the commission of violent sexual crimes, attempted murder, and other serious offenses for a second time.

As a Sheriff for more than 20 years, I can tell you that I have met and spoken to victims of these violent crimes. There is a trauma that lasts much longer than the crime itself. The criminals committing these crimes are not hypothetical—in the past couple of years, multiple criminals have committed these horrific, evil crimes even after having previously been convicted with a violent firearm offense.

At a time when public safety must be addressed, we need to keep the worst kinds of criminals off the streets. When a criminal puts someone's life in jeopardy a second time using a gun, there is little chance for rehabilitation.

It is upsetting to see that Senate Democrats vote no on giving tougher sentences to rapists and other violent criminals in our community. This should not be political.

Sincerely,

Senator Danny Diggs
