

Campus Carry: Voices of Reason

“The presence of concealed weapons will make campus a less safe environment.”

Admiral William McRaven, Chancellor of the University of Texas System

“The fact that student suicide rates are lower than general population rates is largely attributed to the relative dearth of access to firearms on campus.” Doris Iarovici, MD, in *Perspectives on College Student Suicide*, the National Network of Depression Centers

“The ability to carry firearms on campus will stifle the learning and growing processes... It is a heinous offense to our campus that, after all of students' and administrators' outspoken opposition to campus carry, our representatives decided they knew better...” *Daily Texan* Editorial Staff

“There is no recorded incident in which a victim – or spectator – of a violent crime on a campus has prevented that crime by brandishing a weapon.” Gary Olson, former provost of Idaho State University, in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*

“It will cost our schools and universities...tens of millions of dollars. It won't make our schools safer. It will make them more dangerous.” Rep. Chris Turner (D-Grand Prairie) in the *Ft. Worth Star-Telegram*

“We believe that both private and public institutions deserve an opt-in or opt-out of the campus carry policy...we believe that the entirety of our campuses should be “gun-free” zones if said institution sees fit.” Excerpt from a letter to Gov. Greg Abbott from student body presidents of Rice University, UT- San Antonio, Angelo State University, Trinity University, The University of Houston, The University of North Texas, Texas Tech University, UH-Clear Lake, UT-Austin, UH-Downtown, San Jacinto College, Houston Community College and UT-Dallas

“We're very concerned. In the classroom there are times when conversations can get heated. It changes the learning environment when there is that risk.” Ashley Alcantara, UT-Austin student, in the *Los Angeles Times*

“SHSU and TSUS (Texas State University System) are opposed to both open and concealed carry on campus.” Dr. Jaime Hebert, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Sam Houston State University

“As a university, we're against it.” Adam Alattray, student body president, University of North Texas

“When you're responding to a situation...and someone's in plain clothes with a gun, who's the bad guy? Who are you going to take out to save the lives of the 10,000 other students you're trying to protect?” Regina G. Lawson, chief of police, Wakeforest University, in *Forbes*