

Fact Check on False Gun Attacks

CLAIM: Julie Johnson [voted](#) to give the Attorney General power to sue municipalities that try to keep their communities safe from gun violence using local ordinances ([HB 3231](#)).

FACT: Rep. Julie Johnson voted against this bill on the House floor. The House journal clearly shows that Rep. Julie Johnson corrected her second reading vote with the House clerk: “When Record No. 1835 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.” [HB 3231, [5/24/19](#)]

CLAIM: Julie Johnson [voted](#) to repeal restrictions on silencers ([HB 2286](#)).

FACT: Once again, Rep. Julie Johnson voted against this bill on the House floor. The House journal clearly shows Rep. Julie Johnson corrected an administrative error with the House clerk on second reading: “When Record No. 1286 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.” [HB 2286, [5/10/19](#)]

Rep. Johnson voted against this bill *again* when it appeared as HB 957 in the 87th session. [HB 957, [5/4/21](#)]

CLAIM: Julie Johnson [voted for a bill](#) that effectively made gun and ammunition manufacturers and retailers essential businesses ([HB 1500](#)).

FACT: Rep. Julie Johnson voted AGAINST HB 1500 on the 2nd Reading but for on 3rd Reading with no corrected vote. The vote on the 3rd Reading was an error and a missed correction on the staff’s part. [HB 1500, [4/15/21](#)]

CLAIM: She also voted with the gun lobby and against the majority of Democrats in support of [HB 1791](#), [HB 4346](#), and [HB 1069](#).

FACT: Once again, the House journal clearly shows Rep. Julie Johnson corrected an administrative error with the House clerk : “When Record No. 1316 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.” [HB 1791, [5/10/19](#)]

Re: Vote on HB 4346 - This bill was supported by the Sheriffs Association of Texas. It is common for the owner of a landlocked property to enter into an easement agreement to gain access to and from their property, often including reasonable restrictions for the use of the easement. However, some property owners have raised concerns when the grantor of the easement requires provisions in the easement that restrict a person’s

ability to possess, carry, or transport a firearm while using the easement for the easement's purpose. The impact of such a restrictive easement would prohibit a person's ability to protect themselves or loved ones should they need to do so. H.B. 4346 addresses this issue by prohibiting these sorts of restrictions on easement holders, and the bill passed 119 - 24. [[HB 4346](#); Witness List, [pgs 17-18](#)]

HB 1069 was supported by Doctors for Responsible Gun Safety. First responders are susceptible to violence while carrying out their responsibilities, particularly in rural areas, as they are often the first ones on the scene of an incident before police can arrive. H.B. 1069 ensures first responders employed or supervised by counties or municipalities with smaller populations are able to defend themselves by establishing the right of certain first responders who are handgun license holders to carry a handgun while carrying out their duties, contingent on the first responder obtaining liability insurance and completing applicable training. [[HB 1069](#); [Witness List](#)]

Former Congressman and nationally known gun reform advocate Beto O'Rourke says, *"Julie Johnson has been leading the charge to restore abortion rights. And she's stood up to the NRA to strengthen our gun laws. Julie is a leader we need in Congress."*

Opponent Dr. Brian Williams is launching inaccurate and misleading attacks on Julie Johnson's record of gun safety reform, accusing her of voting for NRA-backed bills. His desperate and dishonest smears are refuted by the record and statements of voting from the Texas Legislature. If Dr. Williams can so easily lie to voters about this crucial issue, what else will he lie about? We live in an age where there is a war on truth- the last thing we need in Congress is a Democrat who acts like Trump. Julie Johnson is the only candidate running for District 32 who holds four 'F' ratings from the NRA. Julie Johnson is the proven champion for gun safety legislation in this race.

Democratic voters reject Dr. William's attacks and are setting the record straight. **See testimonial here:** <https://youtu.be/6YiAHZrzuFs>

On February 5th, 2024, Dr. Brian Williams told an audience in Dallas at the WDUA Democratic Candidate Forum that he worked with the NRA to pass gun policy as a legislative fellow on Capitol Hill. At the same time, his campaign was blasting emails from Dr. Williams claiming, "he would never vote with the NRA." [Voters can listen for themselves here.](#)