

To the Editor:

Law-abiding gun owners agree that the mentally ill should not have access to firearms. But the legislature's latest proposal (A3676) is overkill in the extreme. It presumes that every one of the Garden State's million gun owners is mentally ill and requires them to have a psychological examination and an in-home inspection in order to keep their firearms. It puts the exercise of a Constitutional right into the hands of unaccountable health professionals who know nothing about the safe storage of firearms, and who will be more concerned about their own potential liability than the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves. This is policy-making at its worst.

Sincerely,