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Workplace shootings: A mass shooting in the United States is generally defined as an incident where four or more people were injured or killed, though this can vary by source. It is sometimes difficult to identify the cause of workplace killings (also called rampage killings), although many involved disgruntled workers and some involve perpetrators with mental health problems. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 20,050 workers in the private industry experienced trauma from nonfatal workplace violence in 2020. These incidents required days away from work. Of those victims who experienced trauma from workplace violence: 73% were female 62% were aged 25 to 54 76% worked in the healthcare and social assistance industry 22% required 31 or more days away from work to recover, and 22% involved 3 to 5 days away from work. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 392 U.S. workers were workplace homicide victims in 2020.2 Of those victims who died from homicide: 81% were men 44% were aged 25 to 44 28% were Black and 18% were Hispanic 30% of workplace homicide victims were performing retail-related tasks such as tending a retail establishment or waiting on customers. With that, what makes it right for County Commissioner's, particularly one Commissioner who has displayed ongoing misconduct, illegal/unwarranted

behavior towards an employee with no remorse, and gross disrespect, to carry a gun on the job. This brings me and others much angst because such a person, as per statistics, has the tendency to harm others with a weapon on the job when they are the least bit agitated. This legislation should not be passed unless the Commissioners are removed from being able to carry a weapon in a Government building.

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