

To whom it may concern:

Nobody wants or expects guns to go away. That's not even on the table. That line of discussion is merely meant to distort.

But we do need sensible regulation. Just as with cars and alcohol and tobacco and commodities trading and food and water and carbon emissions and communications and oil and gas and electricity and publishing and construction and cosmetology and medicine and the military and farming and importing and driving and finance and virtually every other product or industry one can mention, common-sense regulation plays an important role in protecting citizens, consumers, producers, buyers, and sellers. EVERYTHING requires some regulation. Regulation is universally accepted as an essential piece in the system of checks and balances that enable our society to function. How is it that the NRA can justify total deregulation the one product that is specifically designed to kill, while ALL other products and services-- even the most harmless or benign-- are regulated in reasonable, rational ways? It makes no sense. It's inconsistent. It's hypocritical. It's smoke and mirrors.

Please legislate for the people who elected you, not for the industry that cares only for their bottom line. Don't succumb to their deceptions. Be principled. Be strong. Be who you represented yourselves to be when we voted for you. Support sensible gun safety legislation.

The voters are watching. Our children must be kept safe.

Sincerely,

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