

Dear Elected Officials,

I am contacting you today to voice my concern for the new gun legislation currently in discussion, specifically S.B 1076. We can all agree that the most recent tragedy right here in our home state was horrific and is cause for concern. I feel that certain elected officials are over reacting and looking for something to blame, and will follow with kneejerk solutions' which will not prevent any future tragedies.

I am opposed to an expanding the assault weapon ban or magazine limits. Statistics show that the national AWB and magazine limits of 94 did not do anything to prevent gun violence. We will only repeat another failure. Assault Weapon is a greatly misused term and only a tiny fraction of gun violence occurs with long guns, let alone "assault weapons" Most of the banned features are cosmetic for safety and accuracy, they have nothing to do with lethality

.Limiting the size of magazines will only put law abiding citizens at a disadvantage should they ever have to defend themselves against an armed criminal, or multiple criminals, who will not follow these laws. Exempting law enforcement and government officials only portrays that their lives are more valuable than the averages citizens, which is simply not true.

I should not have to register my weapons when I have already passed a background check and have been verified as a law abiding citizen in good standing. The fees associated with this are ridiculous and seem like a backdoor attempt to hinder peoples ability to own firearms. I question why I would have to pay additional fees to practice a constitutional right. Annual checks are extreme and would burden not only law abiding gun owners, but also the state. We do not have the infrastructure in place to handle the sheer amount of registrations that the state would have to process.

Requiring "registration cards" to buy ammunition, and limiting ammunition purchases to caliber of registered firearms is absurd and also seems like a veiled attempt to limit citizens ability to own firearms. This would not only add to the costs of ammunition, but I would no longer be able to buy ammunition as a gift, or to use in a friends or family members firearm, which I do quite often. My gun owning friends and family are all law abiding citizens, why should I not be able to buy them ammunition? This effectively bans internet sales of ammunition, which limits the competitive market and also raises the costs. If gun safety and responsible ownership are your goal, why are you making it more expensive for gun owners to practice and enjoy?

Most important, none of these laws will make us safer or prevent future tragedies. They will only burden law abiding gun owners. We should spend more efforts enforcing the current laws we have, and make stiffer penalties for criminals who illegally posses a firearm. This will punish the criminal, and not the law abiding citizen, who seems to be the target of most of the proposed legislation. Please reject S.B 1076.

Sincerely,
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