

Ladies and gentleman

Thank you for hearing me today. I want to first express my condolences for the people who have lost in Newtown.

I am not going to quote you facts & statistics regarding violent acts committed with guns, I believe you have them just as we all here today have them thanks to the internet, whether you want to recognize them remains to be seen.

You say the American people, the Mayors, the Police Chiefs want guns banned ! they demand this ! I am having a hard time with how you have come to this conclusion ? To date gun and ammo sales have never been higher ! retailers shelves are bare across the US ! This tells me that you are absolutely, undoubtedly wrong ! You're just obviously ignoring the facts.

Well I'm an American ! and I don't want this ! so please do not put words into my mouth, you do not speak for me and many others like me !

You all say you are here to make it safer for family's, to keep our children safe from harm, to prevent another Newtown tragedy. If you were really concerned for the well being of the American people, the children, why hasn't alcohol been banned ? According to the NHTSA FARS Data dated 2012, 27 people die each day as a result of drunk driving crashes.

In 2011, 9,878 people died as a result of drunk drivers.

In 2010, 211 children died due to drunk driving !

In 2010 1.41 million people were arrested for driving under the influence !

In closing I would like to ask that if you succeed and get your bans passed, and if and when another Newtown occurs, and I believe it will happen again, that you all be prepared to stand in front of us again and formally apologize for being wrong. I for one will be looking for that apology !

Thank you.

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