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Thank you for the opportunity to address you today

We elect our leaders and trust that they will govern honestly, with integrity and common sense.

We are here today because of the outrage we all feel over the senseless deaths of the victims of not only Sandy Hook, but also Aurora Colorado and Tuscon Arizona.

We the people demand answers and we hold our elected officials accountable for finding a solution which addresses the rise in violent crime.

But level heads must prevail. We must not allow ourselves to propose solutions based on knee-jerk reactions to a specific event.

We must understand the causes of an incident and respond accordingly.

As such I say I do not understand how the proposed ban on weapons categorized as assault weapons, nor restrictions on magazine size solve the underlying issue. That being crime.

Can any of you tell me that they would be accepting of the murder of only 10 children in a school, or 5? The thought it preposterous.

The individuals who commit these crimes find a way to accomplish their goal. Adam Lanza targeted the most vulnerable among us.

Does anyone believe that if he didn't have access to an assault weapon that the situation would have been somehow better?

What 6 year old, or unarmed teacher was going to attempt to confront him?

Mass shootings should serve as a wakeup call that there are dangerous people out there and that we should do our best to identify them and make sure they can do no harm.

A couple of weeks ago at the rally here in our state capital I saw a girl holding up a sign that read "I'm not afraid of guns I'm afraid of bad people".

I echo her sentiment, bad people do bad things. We should be afraid of them, not the instruments they use to commit evil acts.

I said earlier that we elect our leaders and we instill in them a level of trust.

And sadly it seems, that trust, is continuously being taken for granted.

Whether you are for gun control or against it, both sides will wonder if the decision that was reached was due to an honest reflection of what our constitution means, what really is the best decision for the people or if someones lobby spent more money than another.

So here we are

States and our federal government are racing to see who can out do each other by proposing and implementing the strictest gun laws they can think of while at the same time saying trust us, we don't have any intention of infringing on second amendment rights.

Many of us in this room aren't sure we believe you. Our trust in our leaders honesty, and integrity, is being questioned.

I like many of those here today who advocate and stand by the principles of the second amendment want a solution.

A solution which addresses the root cause of mass shooting incidents

A solution which seeks to reduce gun violence by severely punishing those who violate the many existing gun laws we have today.

A solution which restores the faith we put in our elected leaders to deal with issues reasonably and without seeming to appeal to political ideology.

We all want to feel safe, but not at the expense of giving up our freedoms.

Again, thank you for allowing me to speak.