

March 10, 2019

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I'm disappointed that I cannot make it to the hearing tomorrow, March 11, 2019, to participate in the public hearing for the bills around sensible gun safety laws (SB 60, SB 940, HB 5227, HB 5870, HB 7218, HB 7219, HB 7223).

I write in the strongest possible support for banning ghost guns, safe storage, and other sensible measures that are lacking in our society to keep our children and communities safe from gun violence.

I am shocked, devastated, exasperated, horrified and disgusted all at once that a small portion of the population has held the rest of us hostage to fanatical, illogical arguments against common sense measures for gun safety. It's truly tragic that gun ownership, without basic education, controls, responsibilities has become the law of the land. Our Government is well positioned to find solutions to intractable issues like gun violence, when it is functioning properly and when it better represents the majority, like every mom I have met in my lifetime who desperately longs for a safer society.

Our children have a right to feel safe and be safe. Women in situations of domestic violence, which is rampant, have the right to live free of the threat of gun violence. Actions must be taken to make that so. The passage of sensible gun law reform does not infringe on second amendment rights, and failure to do nothing cannot continue.

Please take a stand and cast your vote in support of this sensible legislation. These are the difficult decisions that are needed today and we are screaming and begging you to do what is so long overdue.

I truly believe in the power of Government to do good. In fact, only Government can make these important changes for the collective improvement of our society. I thank members of this committee for your public service and lend my support here. Courage is needed.

Kindly,

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