I highly support additional taxes on ammunition sales to help fund research on gun violence and to help counter the great cost to society that has resulted from the proliferation of dangerous military weapons throughout our society. The culture of fear as promoted by gun manufacturers and those who insist on vehemently protecting a misinterpretation of our constitutions’ second amendment, has resulted in a society where our children face trauma every day in fear of being shot in their schools and in their neighborhoods. We need to refocus society to protect the most vulnerable among us instead of promoting gun ownership among the weak minded and the mentally unstable among us. Working together to provide mental health services to those who need it, and providing funds for such services should take a high priority, and thus bill could help provide funding for this as well. Ensuring strong red-flag laws that provide for removal of weapons from those persons deemed dangerous by a review of law enforcement and the court system is a vital part of any society that treasures the precious right of universal gun ownership. Gun ownership without responsibility is madness. Thank you.

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