

I am all for change but we have to choose the right change.

I've been an advocate for years for uniformed officers in all schools, with the understanding that yes it cost money but the perfect solution is hire retired police, military & corrections officers, they've been already trained and you can scale down pay with no benefits as they already have them. Those officers need a division on the BOE because they are still law enforcement. We do not need flashlight cops (private security) they are very limited as to what they can do.

As far as guns, here's the question that has to be asked " if you ban certain firearms and high cap mags will that honestly change things besides telling the public you did something rather than nothing" you have to be very honest with yourself. I've seen all the data if crime went up during the last ban then crime went down and gun sales went up after the ban was lifted then why propose another ban? 98% of all crime is committed by criminals, do criminals obey they law? So if they don't will a ban effect there criminal activity?

Here are some suggestions

1 I agree with background check on all firearm sales

2 everyone with a current carry permit take a refresher rifle class so that you need a permit to by any firearm. This will tie into background checks.

3 current hunting licenses will be grandfathered but next yr all hunters are required to have a "rifle carry permit" that will tie into background checks make it the same as a carry permit renewed every 5 yrs.

4 work with state police and mental health officials with a proposal that if any mental health person has a client they feel is a danger to themselves or any one else they report it. The state police will then look at a database and if the person has a firearm or permit they can pursue further (This is a slippery slope with Hippa but the I think the good out way the bad)

5 all private sales of firearms have to go thru state police and the purchaser must have a permit. Illegal sales have severe penalties With penalties I work in correction you don't know how many kids come thru with possession of illegal firearm charge and they get 1-2 yrs that it. This is we're it starts but you guys don't see the hipocracy you come Down on legal but not the illegal.

These are real honest well thought out approaches to helping not putting firearms in the wrong hands. Notice I didn't say stop the violence because we as society hv to come together for that.

6 keep the current legislation on firearms there are 500 million plus firearms and 500 million plus accessories in circulation be honest how will you stop anything.

Plus the rest of the world continues to make arms and accessories the black market is huge and a ban will make it bigger. When the bad guy wants something they will get it.

We spend billions on stopping illegal drugs in this country look how we'll we are doin at that.

Just because you don't propose something doesn't mean your not doing something about it. Ill protect all the amendments equally. They've chipped away our 1st amendment slowly and I've been against that also.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to express myself. I speak on behalf of many members

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