

Dear Committee Members:

Hoping to get beyond the debate over new gun control laws, a group of economists and legal scholars is floating a plan they say could cut down on accidental shootings: require all gun owners to carry liability insurance, similar to what automobile owners must have. The plan, which was floated in Illinois' Legislature in 2009, would help develop a respect for the gun - like the automobile training's, as well as make sure the owner is responsible for it's location and use.

I like wise politicians, President Reagan and Bush (Sr.) had a good handle on common sense items like this: Ex.

## **Ronald Reagan Supported the Second Amendment AND a ban on Assault Weapons**

<http://www.demandaplan.org/reagan>

President Bush (Sr.)'s opinion almost 20 years ago.

<http://www.nytimes.com/1995/05/11/us/an-angry-bush-ends-his-ties-to-rifle-group.html?src=pm>

Also, if my daughter wants to go to a friends house I should be able to find out if they own a gun or firearm of any kind by accessing an online database. This way I can find out safely and privately, then ask safe questions of my neighbor about safety if my child visits their home or stays over.

<http://www.kidsandguns.org/>

I've heard people have issues with this, but I guess if someone wanted to steal a gun they would hang out in front of a Shooting Range or follow a hunter into the

woods to get one - this sounds easier and safer than tracking online maps to be found out later after stealing by being tracked by using web site created to have users sign up and have verification (say drivers license, SS#, Student ID, etc...)?

By the way, Childhood gun and shooting accidents are not rare. They are one of the top ten leading causes of accidental death for all age groups outside of newborns and infants. In 2007, there were 122 unintentional firearm deaths in children, and an additional 3,060 nonfatal gun and shooting accidents, which resulted in an estimated 1,375 children needing to be hospitalized for their injuries.

Unintentional firearm deaths in children have remained at about the same levels since, with 114 deaths in children and teens less than age 18 in 2010.

<http://pediatrics.about.com/od/safety/a/gun-accidents.htm>

I should not be burdened by others need for privacy that do not care for the safety of my family; the truth is never bad for society and never has been.

Gun Accidents Kill over 500 kids per year:

[http://www.momlogic.com/2008/08/protect\\_your\\_kids\\_from\\_guns.php](http://www.momlogic.com/2008/08/protect_your_kids_from_guns.php)

## **Did you see this: Kids Demand A Plan from Our Leaders?**

An incredible group of kids has joined the Demand a Plan campaign. Watch the moving video they made to speak out for the safety of their playgrounds, their neighborhoods and their families - then share it to everyone you know.

<http://www.demandaplan.org/kids-demand>

<http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/data/protect-children-not-guns-2012.pdf>

By the way, I grew up with hunting and fishing and I honestly don't know where the term Shooting Sports has come from? I think it's made up to sell guns and ammo - about 70% of all ammo sold is not for hunting anymore. Shooting Sports is not interchangeable with Hunting - 2 totally different things and I maintain that Shooting Sports and the large guns used are not protected by the Second Amendment.

**The Supreme Court has ruled that new and stricter laws should be created to protect the general public - and so we should.**

<http://loc.gov/law/help/second-amendment.php>

The Supreme Court stated, however, that the Second Amendment should not be understood as conferring a "right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose." The Court identified examples of "presumptively lawful" firearm laws, including laws prohibiting firearm possession by felons and the mentally ill, forbidding firearm possession in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, and imposing conditions on the commercial sale of firearms. The Court noted that this

list is not exhaustive, and concluded that the Second Amendment is also consistent with laws banning "dangerous and unusual weapons" not in common use at the time, such as M-16 rifles and other firearms that are most useful in military service.

**In addition, the Court declared that its analysis should not be read to suggest "the invalidity of laws regulating the storage of firearms to prevent accidents."**

Take care of our neighbors please, see below.

<http://www.sandyhookpromise.org/about>

## **THE PROMISE OF COMMON SENSE**

Moving forward, the SHP mission is to work to identify and implement holistic, common sense solutions that will make our community and our country safer from similar acts of violence through education, outreach and grass-roots discussion. SHP believes the time has come to enter into these discussions with equal parts of Love, Compassion, and Common Sense.

## **THE PROMISE, THIS TIME, OF REAL CHANGE**

This is the time. The time to stand up and say that our society should not live under the threat of this kind of violence. Sandy Hook Promise is committed to making Newtown be remembered as the place where we came together both as a community...and as a nation, and decided that we must do everything we can to prevent tragedies like this from happening again. Let Newtown go down in history as the place where real change began.

To have common laws with bordering states is important so those whom don't want to comply with law in one state can't just jump into the other one temporarily to travel, purchase, sell, etc.... An example is the NY SAFE ACT OF 2013:

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation, called the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 (NY SAFE ACT), to give New York State the most comprehensive gun laws in the nation, which will keep guns out of the hands of potentially dangerous mental health patients and ban high capacity magazines and assault weapons. This bill does not affect rifles and shotguns used by traditional sportsmen and hunters.

Sincerely,

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