

Mr. Chairman and members of the Gun Violence Task Force, I write to you today to ask a simple question. If you were a child in a school that was under attack, would you rather:

- **Sit in the dark and await your possibility of death issued by you to a mad man while counting down the minutes for the police to arrive? (Traditional School Lockdown)**

OR

- **Have the schools teachers/staff that licensed to carry a firearm fight back while you wait for the police to arrive?**

I'd rather my teacher have an equal chance in the fight. I'm not asking for ALL teachers to be armed, that is simply not necessary in my opinion. All who wish to be armed should be allowed to. We've seen many of these senseless acts of violence and many of them were in gun free zones. These zones don't protect anyone. They simply make it an easy target for criminals, because essentially no one can legally fight back. Law abiding citizens don't break the rules. We don't carry into these places because we want to keep our rights.

I oppose any legislation that would infringe on the rights of legal firearms owners. I oppose any "assault weapon" ban, because all who know anything about firearms know that it is ineffective and is a bad law that focuses on the appearance. I oppose any new fees and /or taxes on firearms, ammunition, and permits because if an evil person is hell bent on doing harm, money will be the least of his\her worries. I oppose sharing the information of permit holders because it puts everyone at risk for robbery, theft and senseless acts of violence from impending criminals. I oppose a ban on magazines, because whether an evil person has 3, ten round magazines or 1, thirty round magazine math simply shows us that 10 times 3 equals 30. It's the same amount of ammunition. No matter what kind of laws you try to enforce whether good or bad, CRIMINALS will NOT follow the law.

You have all taken Oaths before holding office. I suggest you take your oath more seriously and protect the constitution that you swore to uphold.

Again, I oppose all proposals that suggest banning, limiting, and taxing or otherwise infringing on the rights of the people. If Gun control works, then how come Chicago isn't the safest place on the planet?

Respectfully submitted,

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