

Dear Committee Members:

Guns have facilitated criminals in performing violent acts..

An 8 <eight> yr. old child fatally shoots himself after being brought to a shooting range by his parent. A mother is shot by her son with her gun.

One only has to read the headline and subsequent article SELLING A NEW GENERATION ON GUNS in the Jan.26,2013 of The New York Times revealing the marketing ploys used by the makers of firearms, sellers of shooting supplies, National Shooting Sports Foundation and the NRA to alert us to act. It is time to put safety in front of profit. We can survive without the benefit of the "gifts" from these groups.

Sincerely,

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