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Re: Regarding pending new gun legislation

As a long term, responsible gun owner, I am deeply concerned about the legislation that was recently passed in the state of New York and the similar legislation that is being proposed for Connecticut.

I firmly believe that limiting magazine capacity will have zero effect on gun crime or on avoiding situations like the terrible events in Newtown, Aurora, and elsewhere. Someone determined to inflict harm will be able to do so just as well with several 7 round magazines as with several 30 round magazines, just as they will be able to with regular hunting rifles and handguns. At the same time, such legislation severely infringes the rights of those of us who have owned "assault rifles" and "large capacity" magazines for years.

I urge you to very seriously consider the implications of limiting the rights of millions of responsible, law-abiding citizens in the aftermath of events caused by single disturbed individuals, events which can literally be counted on one hand. You need to focus your attention on the real causes of these events and on solutions that will truly help in preventing them in the future. I am strongly in favor of enforcing existing legislation, requiring background checks for all firearm purchases, and requiring the secure storage of firearms at home.

I trust you will do the right thing and recognize that when government attempts to enforce restrictions those efforts usually backfire, as they did with the Prohibition and the War on Drugs.

Sincerely,

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