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Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety

Members of the Committee,

I write you today to express my **opposition** to any of the current gun control proposals.

I am a college educated 32 year old woman. I am not especially strong or well built physically. I consider myself vulnerable to a larger, more powerful attacker, especially those attackers that ignore the impositions you seek to enact on me, and will no doubt continue to do so, no matter what edicts you decree.

I have not always felt this way. I used to have a lot of the same opinions and feelings that I have been hearing a lot lately, especially from many of you and your legislative peers. I used to wonder why anyone would own or carry a firearm. I used to wonder why the government didn't just ban firearms and make everyone safer. Then I grew up. I grew up and I realized that there are some people who walk amongst us that cannot be reasoned with. They are not scared of the law, police, or any government decree. There are people out there that can only be described as 'evil'.

I also realized that I couldn't always rely on a police officer to defend me. I have been in situations that the semi-automatic pistol that I was carrying made me more secure in a bad situation. I have been in a car where an angry man was deterred with no bloodshed by my boyfriend who produced his semi-automatic pistol when the man was banging on our windows screaming about how he would hurt or kill us.

I have made a choice in my life to not allow myself or my loved ones to be victims, but you seek to take away the latest technology from me to fulfill my promise. And that is unacceptable.

Respectfully,

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