

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am distressed to read of the several firearm-related bills which have been proposed recently. Some seek to classify an increasingly large set of firearms as "assault weapons"; some restrict magazine size; some constrain the ability purchase and own ammunition.

These bills are a significant impediment to liberty and disregard the safe behavior of millions of gun owners who are major contributors to our communities. Some of them make certain future activities and behaviors illegal, which is an affront enough; but others propose more active, confiscatory measures which are particularly insulting to our rights.

And even setting aside the matter of principle, what are the aims of these bills? Do you think they will reduce violence? Eliminate mass murders by firearm? They will not. These regulations will only make it more difficult for law-following firearm owners; criminals will ignore them all and still be able to easily obtain contraband.

As a father of two, I can appreciate -- though never really know -- the pain of a parent of a murdered child. Prosecute these murderers.

Attempt to avoid the circumstance by increased policing, by reducing incentives to violence. But do not abridge individual liberty with these nonsensical, feel-good measures.

Sincerely,
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