

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am heartened to see the vigorous response of some of our State representatives and senators to the timely topic of prevention of gun violence. Those who hope to promote a better climate of safety for our citizens must overcome an amazing amount irrational behavior and misinformation on the part of those who resist any meaningful change with respect to our very lax gun regulations and enforcement.

I have never felt so strongly about the need for legislative action as a key part of, hopefully, a change in the culture of 'gun worship' that is prevalent among a very significant portion of our society. Those who contend that new legislation cannot be effective in changing what amounts to a cultural phenomenon need to consider what happened regarding the civil rights movement. I recall that many felt that civil rights laws could not alter the course of prejudice.

Respectfully yours,

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