

A civilized society builds in protections that safeguard the majority and impose mild restriction in the lives of its citizens: we have speed limits, traffic lights, seatbelt laws, restrictions on where open fires can be built, etc. To expect that we may live in a society where our neighbors do not harbor assault weapons and high capacity ammunition that can be used in a deadly manner against babies and innocent people seems to be very much the value of a civilized America.

Our Constitution provides the right to raise a militia and to bear arms. This was a preventive measure against another possible invasion by Great Britain. The Constitution did not make provisions for assault weapons with flesh destroying bullets to be available to ordinary citizens.

I mentor a teenager. She should not have to worry about potentially being the unwitting victim of gunfire as she walks to and from school. Let's pass sensible restrictions on firearms and ammunition.

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