

Gun Violence Prevention Workgroup

To whom it may concern,

I, along with everybody has been deeply hurt by the tragedy that struck our state not too long ago. Anybody with any level of emotion was hurt December 14th of last year. Many of us still hurt to this day. I too, like many giving testimony, wish to see steps made to better protect the children of this country. Not just the children but all life.

Unfortunately, much of the proposed legislation likely will not have an impact on gun violence rates or the mass shootings. To restrict the rights of lawful good contributing members of society, due to acts of evil, seems frivolous and doomed for dissapointment. It also seems ridiculous, to ignore the potential of an armed citizen being on scene the moment a situation unfolds, yet dictate that individual is only allowed a certain predetermined amount of rounds in their magazine. Those GOOD individuals who take upon themselves to make a stand in a bad situation, need not be bound by laws, that guarantee the EVIL person the upper hand.

I am writing this testimony as a veteran, as a citizen, and as a firm believer in not only our country's founding documents, but also the ideals expressed within them. It is clear to see in the formation of state and federal governments, that we are nation that is supposed to be run via checks and balances. One of those checks is 2nd ammendment right to bear and keep arms. It was not meant to support hunting or target practice, as so many seem to imply. It was meant to agknowledge the fundamental right for people to be able to defend themselves. To restrict such a right, to the point where it no longer provides balance against forces of evil, is to violate the right altogether.

Respectfully submitted,
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