

I cannot be there tonight. However, I ask that the following be considered. It is the main thrust of a letter sent today, to the White House and all of my congress-people.

Let me point out that I am not a hunter nor much of a gun advocate. I do have a few simple firearms at home that remain unloaded and safely tucked away. We do not need to ban any class of weapon. There is no need. Allow me explain.

The point of this letter is to bring to your attention, the essay and thoughts of author, David Brin. His work on this matter can be found at:

<http://davidbrin.blogspot.com/2007/01/brin-classics-jefferson-rifle.html> and is entitled: Brin Classics: "The Jefferson Rifle"

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Briefly, Brin outlines a policy we could take that, if spoken persuasively, could quell gun rights advocates and satisfy those looking for better gun control. He speaks of the "Jefferson Rifle", single shot, manually chambered weapons that are suitable for hunting, target shooting, and for home defense. These would be "unregistered" weapons, though (my addition), still subject to the universal background check. Any other class of firearm; handguns of any sort, semi-auto, military style, etc, would be subject to registration and strict regulation regarding background check, gun safety training, gun storage, etc. In other words, regulated, but not banned.

In closing, I encourage that David Brin's words be thoroughly considered and taken to heart. They offer a way to solve the crisis we have in this great country of ours and bring us back together, rather than dividing us further.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,

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