

Today we stood in line for two hours and attended some of the hearings. We did not testify at the hearing and would like to submit our testimony on line.

While this hearing and our testimony is focused on gun safety and control, we recognize that there are other aspects of our culture and society that need to be addressed to reduce violence such as, mental health services, violent messages in media, violent computer games, parenting, and education to bolster self esteem and eliminate bullying, etc. But, gun control is an important piece of solving this problem.

We encourage you to support and enact; 1. stronger controls on the sales of guns( we include all guns - hand guns and rifles), 2. stronger licensing and registration of guns and gun owners, 3. stronger requirements for training and yearly recertification, 4. insurance requirements for gun owners, 5. bans on large capacity magazines, 6. stronger limits and even ban on semi automatic weapons for civilians, 7. stronger regulations on the storage of guns in the home, 8. improved technological limits on the guns to only allow for the authorized owner to operate the weapon, 9. laws that place responsibility on the use of a gun to the authorized owner.

We request that gun ownership be controlled and regulated in much the same way we control car ownership, although in some aspects gun controls need to be stronger.

We believe that individuals have a right to own a gun, under the laws and regulations, and new legislation needs to assure them of that right and assuage their fear of a "slippery slope".

It seems to us that stricter gun regulations would be supported by responsible gun owners since these new restrictions would enhance the integrity of their sport and interests.

Thank you!

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