

To the members of the Gun Violence Prevention Group

I strongly disagree with many of the suggested methods of controlling gun violence especially when the target of these laws are towards the legal and permitted gun owner. Very few crimes are committed by our group.

Criminals, drug addicts, and gang members are not legal owners of firearms. The perpetrators of the horrendous crimes such as Sandy Hook are usually mentally troubled people who need help that society and government is not willing to provide.

We are told that we do not need guns and that the police are there to protect us. But that is not always the case. I owned a business which had alarm system. One evening at 3 a.m. the alarm went in. The monitoring station called the police, then called me. I got dressed and left my home to drive the 9 miles to the business. When I arrived the front door glass was smashed. Not being armed, I waited an additional 3 minutes for the police to arrive before entering. Total response time was 19 minutes. I live in a town in which our police protection is a Resident State Trooper. My home alarm has activated several times over the years. The average response time is about 10 minutes. It is clear that to protect one's family you need to provide yourself with a firearm.

I am a father of three and a grandfather of five. I target shoot both pistols and rifles. My children and grandchildren have gone to the range with me and fully enjoy the shooting sport.

Infringing my rights will do nothing but hinder my ability to protect myself and my enjoyment of life. I ask that you use nothing but common sense in you decisions.

Respectfully,

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