

It is our responsibility to now join together to legislate meaningful, necessary change to our existing gun laws so that the risk of future tragedies like the one that recently occurred is minimized.

I am a proponent of the following;

- Ban of all assault weapons including semi-automatic rifles.
- Ban of large capacity ammunition magazines of more than seven rounds.
- Required permits and universal background checks on all sales and transfers of guns.
- Required registration of hand guns with annual renewal, annual fee, and annual (or as deemed reasonable) background checks for all handguns owned.
- Liability to gun owners for all injuries or damage associated with/traceable to the gun(s) they own.

I believe that the spirit of the second amendment to the US constitution, adopted in 1791, was not intended as a basis for justifying an individual's "right" to sell, purchase and/or own assault type weapons.

There are lessons to be learned from other countries like Israel who have changed/strengthened their gun laws over time because they had to – that's the responsibility of all progressive countries/states.

Sincerely,

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