

Dear Members of the Bipartisan Task Force On Gun Violence Prevention And Children's Safety,

You will be or currently are considering the passage of additional laws to control gun violence and protect school children in our State. You owe it to your constituents to be as educated as is reasonably possible before drafting new legislation or casting a vote one way or the other on this extremely important subject before you. To educate yourself before making a final decision on a legislative bill should be true with regard to passing any new legislation, not just that relating to guns, the second amendment and public safety. Unfortunately, it is not possible for state legislators to be experts on every subject that they have to take under consideration when drafting or passing new legislation. Therefore, they owe it to the people of their state to look at each subject before them with an open mind, and hear both sides, much like a judge or jury must do in a courthouse. How often do you think that a judge or jury initially thought one way at the beginning of a trial, but found that once they heard all the evidence, they actually came to a different conclusion than they initially expected?

Please educate yourself further by reading the attached document titled *GUNS, MURDERS, AND THE CONSTITUTION, A Realistic Assessment of Gun Control* by Don B. Kates, Jr. It was written in 1990, but still holds true today. You can find a lot of other factual information pertaining to gun control at the following website: "www.guncite.com". Please visit this site and educate yourself on the facts pertaining to what is certainly the most important legislation enacted in our state in our lifetimes.

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