

There is a crisis in America. The moral compass of this country has been broken, and the question is - can it be repaired? We no longer respect our teachers, our parents, we don't respect each other. If there is something someone wants and can't afford it - they steal it - what's going to happen if they get caught? A slap on the wrist?...There are laws on the book regarding theft. Those laws are not always enforced. Love thy neighbor? Heck - we don't even KNOW our neighbors anymore. Political correctness has run amuck..kids get trophies for coming in last - we no longer know how to lose. Professional athletes earn more than teachers, and they can't even speak clearly, and who knows if they can write well. Hollywood's residents are treated like royalty, and their word is gospel...really? We dope up our children for fidgeting in their chair, or when they don't focus well enough for the teacher's standard. They fall into the cracks. And we wonder why we have adults with no conscience. The federal Government and State governments slash budgets for mental health - because you can't reign in your spending on other fronts. We will give billions to foreign countries that hate us - and our own people suffer - but we must continue to be politically correct!

Wall street crooks keep getting away with their crimes, and again the people suffer...banks are out of control, they will kick you out of your house - and turn around and basically give that same house away, and they couldn't work with the owner?? We have millions of people out of work, and now the newest cliché is....'discouraged workers' they no longer are counted in those unemployment numbers, because they have lost hope, and have given up looking. Out of work is out of work, no matter which way you slice it. We have an administration that can not or will not pass a budget....and this crime goes on day after day after day....and you want to add to this frustration by attacking our 2nd amendment rights?

Many of our leaders are uneducated on the topic of guns. Just look at the photos of VA Del. Joe Morrissey - holding up a rifle in a demonstration - with his thumb on the trigger. A man that had been disbarred, charged with felony offenses, and 20 years ago 'lost' 2 'assault' weapons that he was using in other demos. And we listen to him?? How about the hypocrisy of Diane Feinstein - it's ok for her to have a permit, and it's acceptable to see HER in one of her demos to be holding a rifle with her finger in the trigger - she is certainly not educated about gun safety at all!

So...with our economy in ruins, respect for human life out the window, a non-existent mental health system, a justice system that continuously proves to be flawed, and a bloated 'health care reform' that will have a huge impact on business in this country...and all you want to do is to take away the guns.

The biggest issue today is taking away the 2nd amendment rights from your constituents and millions more. Although it seems as if we have given up on the first set of laws written, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not kill....you are ready to disregard our founding fathers and the laws they wrote to build this country.

You MUST educate yourselves in ALL aspects of gun ownership, and NOT make any decisions based on emotional pleas from gun control groups that are ill informed. You can't ban a gun because of its looks - that is totally preposterous! I am a new permit holder, and I already know the difference between a rifle and an 'assault' rifle. I am also educating myself daily on guns, safety, statistics, and what is happening around the country and I am deeply troubled. For my grandchildren's generation...yes I want them to be safe - but punishing millions for the actions of a few - sounds to me like history is repeating itself, and God save us all if that happens.

Put your energy into finding better ways to keep the guns out of the hands of mentally unstable persons, and start to prosecute the thousands of criminals that do not, and will not follow the law. Another gun law is not going to make anyone safer - statistics show the exact opposite - look at Great Britain, Australia, and right in our own back yard - New York and Chicago...it's the bad guys causing the problems not the millions of educated, law-abiding citizens.

While I do not envy you having to be in this position, remember... the people in that room today - supported you in your bid to be elected to REPRESENT them, so please do so, so you can restore the faith in me, and all the other legal gun owners in this state, that we do indeed have a Government **OF** the people **BY** the people and **FOR** the people. And that you will NOT disrespect our country's Constitution.

Thank you..  
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