

Date: January 29, 2013
To: Senator Christopher Murphy
CC: Chairman Looney and Co-Chairman Craig Miner and
Honorable Bi-Partisan Panel Members and U.S. Citizens
RE: Gun Control Resolution

Dear Panel,

I would first like to give you a brief introduction of myself. My name is JoAnn Barrowman and I am 56 years old. I was born in and still reside in the New London County area of Connecticut . I am not a gun owner, but I also believe in the 2nd amendment and would not like to see that that right taken away or changed in any way because of a few individuals not only don't follow the laws but also those that are mentally incapable of following the laws. Like everyone else, I have been following the testimonies of gun owners and also those of Connecticut residents who would like to ban certain guns. I don't think this is a good idea to pull certain guns as I feel we need citizens to be armed in the South Western part of the states due to the Cartell. I feel they would be a worse threat if they knew that citizens were not armed sufficiently. Thinking outside of the box, I believe I have come up with a solution to not only help school children, but it would also help business owners and others who would like to have some sort of resolution to our dilemma.

Part One:

My idea begins by a bar code on all guns. This bar code would trigger an "alarm" system inside the office of any public school or college. The school or college would have a sort of invisible fence (like the ones you use to keep a dog inside the yard" around the perimeter of the school, college or business. Instead of sending an electrical impulse to the collar of a dog and shocking it, this would send a signal to an alarm box inside the school.

It wouldn't matter if a 6 year old student rode a bus to school and brought in daddy's gun for show 'n tell or if a deranged, despondent individual approached the school with bad intentions. The alarm would only know that someone with a gun has triggered the alarm. This would give the school time to lock down, call 911 and prepare for a possible intruder armed with a gun. Of course I have simplified the description of the system, but I know it would work. If I can't leave a store with an item that hasn't been paid for, I would set off an alarm and the store clerk would stop me to see what item didn't make it through their system, or an item I have tried to steal. If my dog tries to leave the yard, he's going to get shocked.

Instead of keeping things in...this would keep things out.

I believe this system could also be used to track guns that are stolen by criminals and maybe even help law enforcement, fire and rescue teams by sending them a signal when approaching a scene they've been dispatched out to. If they had a "scanning gun" to use when approaching, let's say within 50 feet of their destination, they take out the scanning gun and if a red light or some sort of signal goes off, they'll know to approach with caution because someone at the scene has a gun.

You may say that this takes time to put into place, but, if we had started this system right after the incident at Columbine, just think, most of the recent incidents may have been eliminated. We could ask gun manufacturers to start installing bar codes inside the guns where they can't be removed. I would ask someone like Scott Wilson to help with that. He is an expert on guns and he would know the best place to put a bar code in a gun that would not be easily removed. Any gun owner would be more than happy to take their guns to a designated "tagging" station and have the bar codes installed.

WE HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY!!!

Part Two:

I would also like to use the same sort of system to track recently paroled criminals. In these cases, I would like to see a bar code installed on their ankle bracelets. Different bar codes would identify the type of crime they committed. Armed robbery for one type of bar code, child sex offender for another. We can also use this system to track mentally unstable individuals who are capable of violence.

Are we trampling on their human rights? I think not. I am not identifying exactly who they are, only what crime they committed, or their ability to commit a crime, and if they are ordered not to come within 200 yards of a school and they set off an alarm on the box., I say send them back to prison or an asylum where they belong!!!

Putting these systems into place could help the police and protect our communities. We don't infringe on the 2nd amendment, at the same time, we protect the innocent.

Business owners, malls, as well as schools and colleges would adopt this plan in a heartbeat. The possibilities are unlimited.

I am underemployed and certainly would love a job within the State of Connecticut helping with this system, even if it's a clerical position.

This system is going to create jobs nationwide and will eventually make this country safer. I know it won't help all situations, such as domestic violence at home, but for now it will help the general public. I believe it is a Bi-Partisan solution to gun control.

Thank you,
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