

I am writing to testify in favor of gun control laws that would 1. ban the sale of assault type weapons, 2. ban the sale of ammunition clips with more than 10 bullets, 3. require background checks for all gun sales, 4. make guns owners accessories to any crimes committed with guns registered to them. I would also like to see tax rates of 75% for guns and ammunition. Use the tax dollars to pay workmen's comp for police and first responders traumatized by the results of gun violence.

I don't expect these laws to immediately eliminate gun violence but believe that they will change the gun culture over time. We need to start now.

My testimony concerning the right to bear arms is based on the following -

The second amendment is not the first commandment. Don't confuse the two.

The constitution was written by a bunch of white men who were leaders in their time but who were seriously wrong on a number of issues. We have reversed them on voting rights for women and on slavery/civil rights. To those who say they need guns to protect themselves from overreaching by the government, I would say we had 2 revolutions in the 20 century that expanded the rights of citizens without firing a shot - women's rights and civil rights.

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