

Dear Elected Officials,

While I will not be able to attend the meeting on Monday, I wish to have my opinion heard.

I firmly believe in the Second Amendment, and peoples' rights to own guns. While I am not a gun owner, I have several friends who are. Between them, they own an assortment of rifles, shotguns, and pistols, which they use for hunting, target practice and just collecting. None of these people own an assault weapon, nor a high volume clip.

I believe that an assault weapon is not a sportsman's firearm. It is a weapon of war, made for the purpose of effectively killing lots of people very quickly. It is totally useless as a hunting weapon (as per my hunting friends) and is only good for wasting ammunition at a target range. There is a lot of discussion about Second Amendment rights, but the purpose isn't to ban guns; it is just to ban owning weapons of war.

I believe that an assault weapon gives a mentally unstable person a feeling of power and invincibility. Any gun can kill, but only an assault weapon can kill on a massive scale. It is something that everyone will notice. It is a "statement".

In summary, weapons of war have no business in civil society. They are designed specifically to kill people, and since there is no Amendment granting a right to kill people, they have no valid purpose in civilian hands.

Respectfully,
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