

Senators & Representatives:

We urge you, as one part of a multifaceted plan to reduce violence in our society, to work towards comprehensive gun control laws, which will do the following:

- Provide a real **ban on assault weapons**;
- Provide a **ban on large capacity ammunition magazines**;
- Provide for the **finger printing (ballistic)** of all weapons by the manufacturer;
- Provide for “birth to death” **registration**, including the ballistic fingerprint, of all firearms (we do it for automobiles), if a weapon is used in a crime, all previous owners would be required to document what they did with the gun;
- Require **background checks** on all gun and ammunition sales;
- Require firearms **permits** for everyone owning a gun;
- Require a firearm **permit to purchase** all guns and ammunition;
- Increase funding for gun violence **research**;
- Regulate **body armor**.

We need to honor the rights of hunters and target shooters, but still reduce the availability of firearms and the psychology that encourages their use in violent acts.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) represents a minority of citizens. It has been taken over by a radical minority of its members. The NRA and the gun manufacturers should not determine our national policies on gun control. The second amendment and preserving jobs are not valid reasons to allow the situation to continue.

Thank you for your service.

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