

Thank you all for your work on this issue. I firmly advocate banning assault weapons and their ammunition from our society. While preventing violence in schools and other public areas is certainly a multi faceted issue, banning assault weapons needs to be part of any comprehensive plan. And while I respect the Second Amendment, the intentions of our forefathers, and the rights of responsible citizens to own hunting and handguns, I cannot see a place in our society for assault weapons. Logic is on the side of this argument; other countries who have banned such weapons do not have mass shootings as the same rate as the US. Assaults in those countries, though they undoubtedly occur, are not as massively deadly. Furthermore, those that quote our county's founders as having intended us to all bear arms must keep in mind that over 200 years have passed since those words have been written, and as such, it is our duty to follow the sentiment of the law, not the letter of said law. Countries and governments must evolve as society changes. Please help us protect and improve our society by banning assault weapons.

Respectfully,
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