

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I believe the time is long overdue for better gun control legislation. It has taken a horrific tragedy to finally galvanize the nation to act to protect all its citizens -- gun owners included.

Just as we restrict alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, the age at which one can drive etc..so to for the common good must we protect all citizens from the destructive capacity of military grade, assault-type weapons and punishing ammunition and multiple magazine clips. I see no conflict with our Second Amendment right to bear arms. Our founding fathers and mothers did not intend citizens to be armed so cause mass casualties and have completely unrestricted freedom to own firearms that statistically are very likely to be used to harm the individuals themselves or their immediate loved ones.

Rather, I ask that my right to pursue life and liberty be preserved by:

1. Prohibiting ownership of functioning, military-type weapons such as assault weapons;
2. Prohibiting ownership of multiple-round ammunition clips and bullets designed to ensure death either with explosive tips or designed to not pass through the human body;
3. All hand gun and hunting weaponry must have improved background checks, and database registry.
4. Lastly, no weapons that have been purchased or are improperly registered may be grandfathered. Current owners must re-register legal weapons for a small fee. Assault-type rifles must be bought back based on collection of aforementioned fees.
5. Gun safety laws -- combination locks and storage of ammo must be regulated and enforced. Consideration should be given for re-licensing gun owners -- tests for gun safety and documented hours of practice on a gun range.

This is government for all the people DO NOT LET THE GUN LOBBY MINORITY prevent what is right -- sensible gun regulation, to protect our nation's children.

Sincerely,

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