

Dear Members of the Gun Violence Prevention Group,

I am a teacher and have a brother who is a police officer. I live in a world where my mother worries about my safety more than my brothers....Why? Because my brother is able to carry a gun and wear a bulletproof vest to work. I am not writing this letter in an effort to arm teachers. However, I would not be against every school being patrolled by armed guards. My reasons are clear and factual. I have never heard of anyone holding up or robbing a police station....because the criminals know there are armed people inside.

I am writing this letter with concerns that an emergency certified bill may be passed in February 2013. I am a permit holder and law abiding citizen. I have lawfully owned guns for the past 20 years and never used one in any confrontation. I carry a gun because it is my Constitutional right to protect my family and property. Any bill passed to regulate magazines, tax ammo, or otherwise restrict lawful gun ownership will only negatively impact LAW ABIDING CITIZENS WHO FOLLOW THE LAW. I am in favor of stricter background checks and mental health screenings. I would even support periodic gun safety re-testing or mental health checks at any time while a person holds a weapons permit.

Please reject any law/E/bill that infringes on law abiding citizens Constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

Michael Harte