

Dear Sirs: I am sorely dismayed that I, a law abiding citizen of this state, who happens to to have a hobby of shooting and who is in complete compliance with all laws and regulations promulgated by yourselves am being asked to pay the price for those who would break the laws or those who are incompetent to comply with them. It seems to me that you as our representatives would be interested in protecting the rights of individuals rather than extinguishing them. Even Diane Feinsteins proposals would not go as far as some of the proposals I have heard being discussed.

Second, I undertand that some are considering confiscation of private property without due process and/ or the immediate criminalization of individuals for simply possessing certain, to be defined magazines, (and perhaps, guns and ammo) which magazines were perfectly legal to own. There is a precedent in the English Common law which dates to about the year 900 if I remember correctly which recognizes that citizens should be relieved from forfeiture of private property by the Crown. Yes, way back then it was recognized that even the Crown (government) should not have the right to dispossess citizens of their rightful private property. Again, it would appear the the proposed Federal law would recognize the right to possess property that was legally acquired and legally owned (let us remember, by law abiding citizens). I would appeal that this rush down the track to clamp down controls be tempered by the the question of what is right. There is no doubt that bad and incompetent people should be prohibited from the ownership of guns. But to introduce Draconian and likely legally questionable laws in the name of control is misguided and in appropriate. Thank you