

Dear Sirs or Madams:

Thank you for allowing me to send you my testimony. If I could be there, I would. My 13-year old daughter has 103 temperature and as she is my priority, I am at home with her. This is a perfect segue to my testimony. My daughter's life is my priority and that includes her future. She has a right to live her life not only live without fear but not be reminded of it on a daily basis with armed guards in her schools. The NRA's suggested solution to the gun issue is incredibly ignorant. I have never seen a problem solved by adding more of the problem. Do they not realize that two armed guards were at Columbine on the day of their mass shooting and still 15 people were killed and 23 wounded?

I would like to share my opinions regarding guns. This is what I want. It's a wish list of sorts.

1. I would love to see a ban on all military grade semi automatic and automatic weapons. If a ban on military grade assault weapons proves too hard to achieve, then they should be manufactured in such a way that to use them would require a special key or code that can be utilized at target shooting or training areas only. They cannot be used in the home or on private property and if stolen would not be able to be used with out this special key or code only known to the target shooting or training area. I do not know enough about guns to know if this is possible but it would make this weapon ineffective in home defense but make it possible for one to own it for craftsmanship.
2. All guns and deadly weapons must be registered. I own a car and it has to be registered. If I owned a deadly weapon of any sort, I think it should be registered.
3. I would like to see a separate, non-governmental, totally bi-partisan runned Gun Foundation that keeps the information on registrations, conducts background checks, and keeps all statistics on guns, gun owners, and gun-related incidents so accurate information can be disseminated. I feel every piece of information that comes out is skewed for whatever side is putting the information out. I believe this Gun Foundation should not answer to the government which alleviate the weird distrust many gun owners have of the government. The information could be kept completely encrypted. The Foundation would not be allowed to take donations from private citizens or companies. The funds to run this foundation would come from insurance companies and tax money on guns and ammo.
4. Gun owners must have special insurance. This will help register and regulate guns. If your gun or weapon is used in a crime, your insurance company pays the state government and then the government can decide if the victims should

get the money. I think this is the way it should be done to eliminate and prevent insurance schemes. The government expends a lot of funds investigating crimes with guns. Hopefully this money would This charge in and of itself will restrict just anyone getting a gun. Much like a car, your insurance has to be in place before you buy a gun.

5. Mandatory background checks before a gun can be purchased and a 7 day wait period.

6. I would like to see a doctor's permission included in the background check ir as part of the insurance application. No personal infomation need be released from the medical community - just a signoff by a MD with the prescription ID #. Doctors are respected citizens who have taken an oath and their opinions based on medical evidence would help to decide if someone should own a gun. I need an eye exam to drive, I need to let the DMV know if I am taking a drug for epilepsy. Doctors can give the okay for a person to own a gun if the person has full mental capacity (as far as the MD knows), is not taking any drugs that preclude one from thinking normal thoughts, You cannot get a handicap sticker without a doctor's signoff. I think it should extend to include if the person is taking psychotic drug or, has suicidal tendencies.

7. A ban on magazine clips holding more than 7 shots. This is my attempt at a compromise. I think 10 is too many.

8. Gun manufacturers should be taxed heavily along with ammunition - at the manufacturing as well as the sale level.

9. I think at least one person or depending on the size of the school more than one person be assigned as a mental health professional to each school so they can monitor the well being of the student population. Look for loners, outcasts, outsiders, bulllys, potential issues and follow up on students who are pulled out of school and home schooled particularly those with social issues. This professional must be ingrained into the student population as something other than a mental health professional so that she or he can be most effective.

10. The government or insurance funds or taxes on guns or ammo or money from the NRA should subsidize or outright pay for anyone wanting an alarm system put into their home if they do not have a gun.

These are 10 suggestions - most of for the federal level and some would work best if others were enacted. I would be happy to discuss these options further or give a more indepth opinion. My contact information is below. Thank you for your attention. I hope something can be done. I believe in what President Obama said shortly after the Sandy Hook tragedy which is something like if we

cannot fix everything we should still try to fix something. Perhaps we can start in Connecticut. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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