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Dear All,

I am a law-abiding citizen and responsible gun owner.

I am saddened by the tragic events in Newtown, Connecticut, but I believe that efforts to impose new restrictions on me and other lawful and responsible owners like me are misguided. Did you know that violent crime with firearms has declined since the Federal "assault weapons ban" expired in 2004? Did you know that, according to FBI statistics, it has declined by over 50 percent since 1992? In the end, all of the proposed legislation that has come to my attention will do nothing to address the root causes of violent crime. All it will accomplish is to penalize law abiding citizens. While paying lip service to the second amendment, much of this legislation is motivated by the wish to deprive American citizens of this constitutional right.

Your focus should be on strengthening mental health care and improving the quality of data supporting NICS checks (National Instant Criminal Background Check System). It should also address the root causes of violence in our large urban areas, which have to do with poverty, lack of meaningful employment, an antiquated educational system, and the disenfranchisement of large numbers of young people. Do NOT pass more gun laws; do not interfere with my ability to protect myself and my family should we be placed in harm's way. Do not impose restrictions that we force me, as someone who respects the law, to relinquish his property. Do not impose arbitrary restrictions on magazine capacity that is

unsupported by any scientific data and places me in a position where criminals will be better armed than private citizens and the police. Most importantly, do not legislate on the basis of emotion, out of the need to “do something,” when the proposed legislation would have virtually no impact on the crimes that purportedly inspired it. Instead, work to enforce the more than 20,000 gun laws already on the books and have the courage to resist being swept up in the frenzy of those who not only have no understanding of guns, but demonize gun owners.

I am your constituent and I vote. Please represent me.

Sincerely,

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