

First off I would like to thank the legislators for taking the time to hear my thoughts on gun violence and prevention.

I have been closely reading up on the proposed bills in the general assembly and I get the feeling that you are

attacking the wrong person. You are going after the law abiding gun owner and will restrict his or hers freedom as

a United States Citizen to use firearms he knows will protect him. You may say that guns are only for hunting but

they are not; you may say that nobody needs this kind of gun or that kind of gun.

But I have come to a different conclusion; when I was in High School I went down to help victims of Hurricane Katrina

a year after it occurred and the devastation was still there. As I talked to the people of New Orleans and the surrounding

area they were glad that they had guns that could hold more than 10 rounds and where semi-automatic; the government

was nowhere to protect them for days. People told me stories that they had to defend their property and family from gangs of

people looking to exploit the situation.

I have never been in a gun fight nor have I ever needed to protect myself from a gang of people trying to steal from my

house and hurt my family. I don't know how many rounds I need in a magazine; but I want to make sure I have enough

for any situation. I oppose any more gun control that will only affect law abiding gun owners and that will do nothing to

stop people from killing each other. We can't just ban certain features of a gun and expect people to stop killing each

other or limit the number of rounds in a gun and expect to see the killing stop. We need to find real solutions because

gun bans have been purposed before and murder still happens. We need to look at mental health and look around at

our fellow humans and if we see a problem we need to help them through it not ignore it.

Thank you again for taking the time to listen to my thoughts.

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