

I am writing to you today because I am very concerned with most of the new gun control legislation I see being proposed.

I am first and foremost a mother and wife who believes I am well within my constitutional rights as a law abiding citizen to protect my family from those that would do them harm. I understand that the police are here to protect us but the fact is their response time is typically in excess of 10 minutes during which time an incident involving a criminal with a firearm(s) are usually over. It is very important to me that I am allowed to have access to the proper training and tools to defend my family with a firearm in my home and wherever we may go within the state against anyone who would want to harm us. I don't feel that putting further restrictions on the types of firearms or magazines law abiding citizens can own will have any impact on a criminal determined to execute a crime, it would only hurt those of us that follow the rules.

I believe a responsible law abiding armed citizenry with proper training is a great asset in the fight against gun violence and would provide vital assistance to law enforcement when a more rapid response is required by those citizens who happen to be present when an incident occurs.

Please take my concern for my family's safety into consideration when you are reviewing proposed legislation and please think about our constitutional right as citizens of the United States to protect ourselves against anyone who would harm us. Criminals are never going to follow the law, so by disarming (or limiting) law abiding citizens you are only increasing the criminals' odds of finding easy targets to take advantage of.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sarah Hall
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