

I am writing this letter to implore you to please legislate by the Constitution that you have sworn to uphold, as opposed to raw emotion and a sense of power. The tendency of our legislator's to use emotion to create bills/laws always has and always will take freedoms from the citizens; the gun issue you peruse is no different. There are many law abiding citizens who are gun owners and have never harmed a soul and yet it seems that we are the ones being targeted by the legislation which you are purposing.

Are you aware that According to the FBI's website, during the time period between 2007 and 2011, there were 2,918 people that were murdered with blunt objects (i.e. baseball bats, hammers, etc.)? During that same time period, there were 1,874 people that were murdered with rifles. Do you purpose to submit legislation to curb deaths caused by blunt objects? Murderers will use hammers, drugs, plastic bags and garrotes to get what they want. This type of legislation will only leave the law abiding gun owner without self-protection. The restriction of weapons does not stop murder.

A very good example of this is Chicago, Chicago Illinois has some of the country's strictest gun laws and because of this, and some might think that it should be one of the safest cities in the America. However, in 2012, 1.5 people were killed every day after being shot by a bad guy with a gun. That makes 532 people killed in 2012 alone. This is only for one year, I am sure if you did your homework you would find that 2011 has similar statistics.

If you look at many existing laws they have had the opposite effect of what was originally intended, a gun ban or tougher gun laws will have much the same effect, criminals will not follow the laws. Once again look at Chicago. An "assault weapons" ban will not end mass shootings or stop mentally unstable and/or criminals from committing violent acts.

And what actually do you consider assault weapons? Are you aware that rifles such as the AR-15 are *not* a fully automatic weapon? The AR-15's that are currently being manufactured for the civilian market are semi-automatic, which means only one projectile is fired with each trigger pull. Unfortunately, much of what's being said today about semi-automatic rifles is either misleading or flat-out untrue.

Constitutionally Yours

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