

I am writing to ask that you oppose further infringements of our 2nd amendment rights. These bills will not serve to reduce violence or to deter criminals. These laws will only make criminals of law abiding citizens and do not serve to protect our population or to deter criminals, who by their very nature break the already stringent firearms laws. A vote for these bills is misguided at best.

Over the past 20 years, the rates of violent crime and murder have dropped by half in the U.S., according to the FBI. That's astounding. We have more guns and more gun owners, but the rate of violent crime and murder went down by half. The major change in America's gun laws over the past two decades is removing prohibitions against people carrying and owning guns for protection. The concealed-carry movement started in Florida amid much criticism from the media. Bad things didn't happen there, and they didn't happen in the other states. More good people are carrying guns, and the violent-crime and murder rates have declined. The sad fact is that there are bad people who are going to kill other people and any Utopian gun ban will not stop it.

I have dedicated my life to serving the people of this state and nation; defending her population, ideals and freedoms. It disheartens me to see basic individual liberties used as a scapegoat based on emotion of the day, when instead we should be focusing on individual responsibility and enforcing our current gun laws. As you know, none of the proposed new laws would have prevented Sandy Hook.

And as you should know, the second amendment was not created to protect sportsmen's rights. The second amendment and the Bill of Rights were created to ensure that the tyranny of an oppressive government was not repeated on our new nation. All of these guarantees serve to safeguard an essential freedom, necessary to maintaining a free country of citizens and to prevent abuse by a central government. These rights are the foundation of our society and each should be cherished.

We would not tolerate infringements or restrictions on free speech, no matter how much we detest the subject matter and our other rights should be treated with the same reverence and respect.

You took an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States, so please live up to that oath. Our Constitution is not a mere nuisance and the Bill of Rights is there for a big reason. So please do not be misguided or short-sighted in your decisions for short-term political gain.

I thank you for your time and attention. Please feel free to contact me if needed.

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