

Dear Honorable Representatives,

I am writing to beg you to pass legislation this session to better protect us from rampant and unregulated gun use, which has only led to serious violence and death. The idea that gun rights should be completely unregulated and unrestricted flies in the face of logic, not to mention precedent; virtually every "right" we have as Americans comes with responsibilities and restrictions on its safe use. The common good demands that you ban high-capacity automatic weapons, large magazines and lower the quantities of bullets that can be purchased at once without a background check. I hope in fact that you will make the right to own and operate guns equivalent to the right to own and operate a car - with the knowledge that guns are much more deadly. Owners should have to carry liability insurance, pass background checks which must be renewed, and receive proper training.

I have been a supporter of safer gun laws since my college days; the relaxing of our gun laws has only led to more slaughter and our humiliating position as a "gun nation" in the eyes of the world. Please do what you can on the state level to keep us safe from those who distort the 2nd amendment.

Faithfully,
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