

Since the opportunity to make a personal presentation on the 28th is limited, I would like to go on record that we can not accept the status quo nor can we accept just a quick fix on the huge loophole in existing regulations vis-a-vis assault weapons and mega-magazines.

Here are the additional steps that I think are required:

Universal background checks on not only the buyers but the buyers' households (lest we forget Newtown) while making any false statements a felonious offense.

A gun registry which would require full details on all sales, transfers and gifts.

Licenses to buy guns which must be presented on all purchases of ammunition

Insurance certificates that buyers have liability coverage.

Taxes to cover societal costs such as armed policemen in our schools along with the marginal cost of administering these steps.

The above will allow the state, ie we the people to treat weapons which are designed to kill at least as seriously as it does the common car.

I look forward to your prompt and comprehensive response via new legislation and regulations.

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