

Honorable Senators and Representatives,

I offer the advice of our vice president, Joe Biden, a gun enthusiast himself:

On February 19, 2013, Vice President Joe Biden said "If you wanna protect yourself, get a double-barreled shotgun. have the shells a twelve-gauge shotgun, and I promise you, as I told my wife, we live in an area that's wooded and somewhat secluded, I said, 'Jill, if there's ever a problem, just walk walk out on the balcony here, walk out, put that double-barreled shotgun and fire two blasts outside the house.' I promise you, whoever is that's coming in is not gonna ... you don't need an AR-15. It's harder to aim, It's harder to use and, in fact, you don't need thirty rounds to protect yourself. Buy a shotgun. Buy a shotgun. I said, Well, you know, my shotgun will do better for you than your AR-15, because you want to keep someone away from your house, just fire the shotgun through the door. Most people can handle a shotgun a hell of a lot better than they can a semi-automatic weapon in terms of both their aim and in terms of their ability to deter people coming. We can argue whether that's true or not, but it is no argument that, for example, a shotgun could do the same job of protecting you. Now, granted, you can come back and say, 'Well, a machine gun could do a better job of protecting me.' No one's arguing we should make machine guns legal." He says he keeps two shotguns locked up in his home.

The result of being armed at home yields the experiences written on the attached report, "Self-Defense Stories." Please review it for more information on what the Second Amendment means to us as citizens of the United States.

Sincerely,

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