

Dear Legislator;

I find the results of the task force investigation quite troubling. I fear many of you are in a rush to do something for the sake of saying you did, and worse in some cases, legislators capitalizing on the tragedy to forward an agenda. It appears this is being approached emotionally and not logically. I think it poor policy to be writing law without at least a final police report on the matter.

Before you vote to limit our rights please consider the following:

Assault Weapons

Why do we need an "assault weapons" ban? Are you aware that many of the features often included in 'assault' weapons bans are merely for operator safety and comfort, and do not make the weapon any deadlier or more dangerous, and in fact often make the weapons safer or easier to handle comfortably?

Additionally, only a small fraction of gun violence occurs with long guns let alone "assault weapons".

Large (standard) Capacity Magazines

Why should citizens not be allowed the same level of protection as police and politicians? We may be less likely to need these magazines at any point in our lives, but if we do, we'll be helped just as much by a higher capacity magazine in our firearm. Moreso, perhaps, due to the lesser training that we have compared to police and personal security.

You should also consider that collectors have pistols that are no longer manufactured, and for which you can not get 10 round magazines. Your law will effectively ban these collectable relics.

Do you plan on exempting tubular magazines as are common on 22 caliber rifles, or will these small caliber varmint and target rifles be banned as well?

How will you compensate those subject to this "Taking" of private property?

Why is this not an "EX Post Fact o" law?

Universal Background Checks

Do you plan at the very least to exempt family members, or provide a simple way to transfer collections? If a collector dies, is it fair to task their children with needing to scramble to transfer their entire collection before it's seized and destroyed?

One Pistol or Revolver Per Month

Collectors often find rare firearms at random intervals as lots come on the market. Why should they not be allowed to conduct their lawful, private business?

Suitability

The provisions in this category are far too broad and subject to abuse.

Fee Increase

I have always questioned why I need to pay a fee to exercise my right. What is the purpose of raising the fee other than a veiled attempt to put more people's ability to carry out of reach. It is already costly enough for a young individual such as myself or my girlfriend to collect the funds to apply for a permit, attend the required classes, and so on. It is not fair to raise the barrier of entry for individuals who feel they need a gun for personal safety.

Personalized Handguns

This is a costly and burdensome potential law that will again raise the barrier to entry into gun ownership. Additionally, we already have laws regarding responsibility to safely store your firearms. If people are truly failing to follow these laws, perhaps increased funding of education would be better applied and far more cost effective.

Additionally, I feel as though you are piggybacking this provision before the technology is mature and reliable, in order to pass it during the current hysteria. Wait until the technology is truly tried and tested. Wait until experts in the biometrics/security field think that the technology is reliable, then attempt to pass the law. Current biometrics can be defeated by a gummi bear or by squishing your thumb along the reader to fool it.

Furthermore, once these weapons are implemented, it raises the scenario that a loved one needs a weapon to defend themselves and it is not matched to them?

Prohibited Zones

I do not think that there is any empirical evidence that demonstrates that there is an increase in safety in gun-free zones. In fact, I believe that if such a study was conducted, it would be found that violence is increased in these areas relative to other areas of similar type that lack these restrictions.

Common Sense Proposals

I believe that if these laws pass, with the approach that this committee has chosen to adopt, will in the end result in a whole lot of money spent on monitoring and tracking non-criminals. I believe that if you truly wish to reduce the amount of crimes and violence that happen today, you need to, instead of imposing new penalties and crimes, you should enact legislature that funnels money into mental health issues and social support services, so that we can catch people before

they either succumb to their illness and do something crazy, or otherwise take one of the very many roads down to violent crime.

Thank you,

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