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Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Unfortunately, several lawmakers are exploiting our nation's sadness and fear over mass killings by proposing legislation against lawful gun owners. I am writing to ask that you oppose legislation that would infringe on Second Amendment civil rights. Crime is a people problem and not a gun problem. Therefore, I am also writing in favor of crime control and increased efforts regarding mental health.

I support fixing the background check system so that the FBI's NICS database is kept up to date, but I do not support mandatory background checks for personal firearm transfers between individuals. This will not affect crime and is a violation of personal property rights. Most criminals get their guns through illegal means. We need increased penalties for felons who possess guns, people who commit felonies with a gun and those who illegally purchase a gun.

Current law provides the tools needed to deal with dangerous people making it unnecessary to pass new so-called "red flag" laws that do not respect due process. Clearly, we need to direct our efforts to our nation's mental health system including early intervention, access to behavioral health and establishing a caring but supervised atmosphere for the dangerously mentally ill. I also believe we need greater social media monitoring for threats, and more data about the effects of violent video games which appear to make acts of violence seem unreal to our youth.

Nationally, mass shootings have led to the outcry "we must do something" but **it's not enough to just do something, we must do the right thing**. This requires logic, reasoning and a solid plan. Doing "something" to the Second Amendment for the sake of appearance would be disastrous not just for us but for our grandchildren and the future of this country.

Sincerely,

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