

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack H. Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. President,

As Members of Congress we have, like you, sworn to defend the Constitution of the United States. The seriousness of this public oath compels us to pursue the noble cause of defending individual liberty. With each decision we make, we must consider the effect that it will have on the country that our children and grandchildren inherit.

Following the recent events in Newtown, Connecticut, public debate has shifted attention toward federal gun control. Our hearts go out to the victims of the tragedy in Newtown, as well as their families. Many of us are fathers and mothers ourselves, and the thought of losing children under such horrific circumstances is unimaginable. However, we do not believe that stricter gun legislation is the answer to protecting our future generation.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the Second Amendment means what it says. We will not support, and in fact we will strongly oppose, any legislation or executive order that prevents law-abiding Americans from responsibly exercising their Second Amendment rights, including any attempt to prevent ownership of certain firearms or ammunition. As public officials we have a duty to ensure that criminals are punished for their acts of violence. But we will not sit idly by while law-abiding citizens are stripped of their constitutional rights and turned into criminals by an overreaching federal government.

Respectfully,



Todd Rokita
Member of Congress





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