To whom I may concern:

I am a retired, tax paying, veteran, hunter, sports shooter and gun collector for over fifty years and now my constitutional right to protect my home, enjoy my hobby and live a safe comfortable life is being attacked because our paid representatives can't control criminals and murderers with the laws they have already made and can't enforce.

Guns don't kill PEOPLE, PEOPLE kill PEOPLE. Knives, axes, rocks, automobiles are also used to kill PEOPLE by sick, mentally ill PEOPLE.

The real issue that is not being addressed to its maximum and that is the **MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE**.

All the school shooters have had mental health issues that were not addressed, recognized or acted upon. A lot of these terrible crimes could have be either prevented, or minimize if law enforcement, relatives or neighbors would have done their job as regular normal law abiding human beings. So it is easier to blame an innate object that does nothing, hurts no one, and kills no one, if not used by a HUMAN BEING to accomplish their sick mission of destruction. Again, we are talking about sick people, or METAL HEALTH.

When President Kennedy was assonated they didn't blame the <u>gun</u> they blamed Lee Harvey Oswald, a <u>human being</u>. What is wrong with this picture?

Criminals do not and will not heed any laws that will negatively affect law abiding citizens; they live by their own laws. We have laws that might work if we would enforce them. Criminals are being treated to leniently. So now the law abiding citizen is being attacked with laws that will not make anyone safer or stop crime.

Please stop this assault on me which protects no one.

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