

As a mother of three teenagers, and a mental health counselor, I am appalled by the resistance to basic safety measures around firearms. No other developed country has such lax legislation. It is the job of government to help protect its citizens. The domestic terrorism our teenagers face via school shootings, and the lack of safety too many of our fellow citizens live with day to day due to ease of firearm access and use is unacceptable to me as an American citizen. Why to gun rights and freedoms trump my freedom to feel safe in a public place? Or my freedom to trust that my children are safe at school? I urge our leaders to have courage to stand up to the NRA and to think sensibly about what rights and freedoms really mean in a kind and just society.