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I come from a family of responsible gun owners, who taught me how to respect firearms. I believe in responsible, safe gun ownership for recreation and hunting, and I believe we can keep that in our society. But I've also seen the damage done by lax gun laws. My university (Seattle Pacific) was the site of a school shooter. I lost my eye to a stray bullet in a drive by shooting when I was just trying to operate my small business in Portland. Why should we have to continue to explain how terrible the loss of my vision or my fellow students' lives is? If you can't understand those losses and have the empathy to make our society safer, I'm not sure how I can be any more eloquent. Please just listen and learn. Statistically, if you haven't lost someone you love to gun violence yet, you will soon unless we act. Thank you.