

To: The House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety

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Subject: Duty #4 - Evaluate the ongoing and long term workforce needs of the state related to cyber security, mental health, law enforcement and related professionals.

Following the supreme court's 1962 and 1963 decisions to abolish the reading of the Holy Bible and prayer in schools; this great nation has been in moral decline ever since. The marked increase in crime is evident (see: <http://www.disastercenter.com/crime/uscrime.htm>) in the statistics collected. Whether you believe this to be a direct correlation, or not, is a discussion for another day. But, with such staggering increases in crime from 1963 to 2018, something has definitely occurred, and cannot be ignored or denied. What has changed? What is the root cause of this marked increase in crime? ***Without exception, it is the condition of the human heart.*** Where there is no accountability, lawlessness abounds and abounds exceedingly. The lawless choose to break the law because their heart and conscience allows them to do so. Those who follow the law elect to do so, and do so voluntarily. It is a **choice**. From the Ten Commandments stems all present laws. Those 10 laws cover human behavior so that we as men and women can coexist. God's laws are but a mirror, though, to allow men and women to reflect upon the condition of their hearts. God's law affords each of us the distinct opportunity to reflect upon the condition of our hearts, and see the need to repent. To turn from lawlessness is a choice each person must make.

Throughout recorded history it is evident that even though laws exist, it is the will of man to either follow those laws or not. Look at our Texas Penal Code, Title 10. Offenses Against Public Health, Safety, and Morals, Chapter 46. Weapons. Sadly, we have an entire chapter devoted to just weapons. Do people violate these laws? Every single day! If you add more, will that action then preclude them from violating the penal code? Unequivocally, the answer is **NO**! Any reasonable person must agree. Why would a person continue to violate the laws without regard to the punishment? Their heart, the condition of their heart, their lack of accountability to God and their disregard for their fellow Americans. In their selfishness and greed, they covet. Their wanton desires will not preclude their lawlessness. In essence, they cannot handle the **FREEDOMS** afforded them by this great nation. With **FREEDOM** and liberty and justice comes responsibility – and a choice.

I believe we are on the precipice of a chasm between tyranny and **FREEDOM**. Let's reflect on the following wars our great nation has endured:

- The Revolutionary War,
- The Civil War,
- The War of 1812,
- The Spanish-American War,
- The Mexican War,
- World War I,
- World War II,
- The Korean War,

- The Viet Nam War,
- The Gulf War, and
- Iraq-Afghanistan War

Can you estimate the combined number of men and women who have died in these wars? The number of Americans who have given the ultimate sacrifice is staggering. This does not consider the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who fought, supported and were injured. The one constant theme for their overwhelming courage to fight and pay the ultimate price is **FREEDOM**. By the way, the number is **1,284,253** Americans who have perished for the common cause of **FREEDOM** (see the following: <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/civil-war-casualties>). Please allow that number sink in for a moment as we remember the sacrifices of those that have ensured our Republic remains **FREE** - to this very day. **FREEDOM has a cost**. Is it the intent then, by this committee, this legislature or this government to devalue the price so many have paid by enacting laws that will affect only the law abiding? Laws added to existing laws only serve to reduce **FREEDOM**. They will not preclude the lawless from committing crimes, but yet, they serve only to oppress those Americans who responsibly exercise their **FREEDOMS** and **LIBERTIES**. The criminal commits crime irrespective of the laws passed. He or she has made the choice to do so. They have neglected their responsibility of preserving their own **FREEDOM** because of the condition of their hearts. Laws, no matter how elaborately, eloquently or forcefully written, will not stop criminals from being criminals.

The consent of the governed is not limitless. I previously referenced a chasm we presently stand at in this nation. Will we move towards tyranny by allowing a liberal minority to propose and enact laws that further erode our **FREEDOMS**? We are already mired in laws that could make each of us, unwittingly, a criminal. That is not reflective of a **FREE** society and nation. This compounding of laws is fruitless, and only serves those who desire to have absolute power and control. We know where this absolute desire leads, too. Are we destined to repeat history? If we ignore it, then the answer is sadly *a resounding YES*.

Those who wish to erode the **FREEDOMS** we hold dear and abridge the rights that our founders, who were inspired by our Creator to write, care not for **FREEDOM**. They have a form of godliness, but without the power thereof. This is evident with the abundance of frivolous attempts to alter or nullify our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Their treason and foolish desires are inspired solely by emotion; and their desire for complete subjugation only drives us closer to the edge of the chasm between tyranny and **FREEDOM**.

“A nation can survive its fools and even the ambitions. But, it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and he carries his banners openly against the city. But, the traitor moves among those within the gates freely, his sly whispers rustling through all alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears no traitor; he speaks in the accents familiar to his victim, and he wears their face and their garments and he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation; he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of a city; he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to be feared. The traitor is the plague. “

Marcus Tullius Cicero, from a speech given to the Roman Senate, recorded in approximately 42 B.C. by Sallust.

Why then must we propose new laws when we already have sufficient laws on the books? Is this not the definition of insanity given by Albert Einstein? He said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." How many laws will be proposed only to later propose "better" ones? The insanity of government is their endless proposal and passage of laws believing this to be an end-all-be-all resolution. We do not have a "statute problem" in this country. We have a "compliance and enforcement problem," in this country. We have a "moral and ethical problem," in this country. And, **IT IS NOT THE LAW ABIDING GUN OWNER THAT IS CAUSING GUN CRIME!** We have allowed the plague of treason to infiltrate our halls by those domestic enemies who neither desire, nor care for absolute **FREEDOM**. Their ultimate desire is power – they covet control to the point of psychosis. We must preserve this Republic and the Constitution it is perched upon. Otherwise, we will take the leap into the dark chasm of tyranny.

Therefore, The Bill of Rights is nonnegotiable for those who desire **FREEDOM** under our Constitution. With regard to this testimony, the Second Amendment to the US Constitution is absolutely nonnegotiable for those that cherish and desire **FREEDOM**. Enshrined in the Second Amendment lies all other **FREEDOMS** and rights. It serves as the pillar on which we as Americans have assurance that a tyrannical government will not subject us to oppressiveness. It ensures the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The Second Amendment is absolute. It is our means to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Any law that seeks to render our Second Amendment right void, is inept and baseless. A flippant attempt to alter or nullify our God-given right to bear arms without first enforcing existing laws shows utter disdain for **FREEDOM**. Those proposals for defunding of police departments across the country while simultaneously proposing onerous and cumbersome gun laws only shows the depravity of their psychosis.

The belief, by our liberal colleagues, that additional gun laws will reduce ANY crimes is an utter fallacy. These individuals believe that words on paper will magically stop all gun crime. **THAT IS AN IMPOSSIBILITY – ALWAYS HAS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE.** Enforcement is really the answer they seek. The liberal mindset cannot fathom, however, a system that enforces the laws unless it applies solely to those who disagree with their silly, childish, asinine, juvenile, and meaningless notions of gun control. So, direct your efforts at achieving compliance from the criminals through enforcement instead of denigrating the rights of your fellow Americans. Our rights are no less or more important than your rights. The issue we **FREEDOM** loving Americans have is the imposition of your ideologies, opinions and beliefs upon us that are ridiculous, impractical, daft, and mindless. Just because you disagree with the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights with respect to the Second Amendment does not nullify or quash the **FREEDOM** loving American's right to keep and bear arms. In summary, **MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!**

In addition to the liberals attempting to nullify the Second Amendment, there is a desire to negate due process and nullify the Fourth Amendment for **FREEDOM** loving Americans who possess firearms. The desire to institute the so-called "Red Flag Law," is, at its core, **UNCONSTITUTIONAL**. We have a right to due process. We have a right to face our accuser. We have a right to a speedy trial. We have a right to be secure in our effects and

belongings. **WE ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW.** The pathetic attempt by a vengeful person providing false testimony to a sitting judge will be abused. It has already occurred in states who devalue **FREEDOM** (and the Constitution) with the passage of ludicrous Red Flag Laws. The rights of people will be trampled. In some instances, their lives will be taken unnecessarily by amassing a SWAT team to UNCONSTITUTIONALLY disarm them. That doesn't sound like **FREEDOM**.

The liberal democrats desire open borders and the removal of the wall being erected. They fail to inform the people, especially in our great state of Texas, of the transnational crime organizations (i.e., drug cartels, MS-13, etc.) that are ruthless murderers and criminals. Do you believe these lawless and wicked criminals will comply with existing or future laws? Of course not, and if you believe they will, you are sorely misguided and a fool. They will flow into this country unabated. Our devious media fails to show how merciless, brutal and coldblooded these criminals are from Mexico, Central America and South America. They already kill our fellow Americans and children with their illicit drugs. How will Texans and Americans effectively protect themselves and their families if a tyrannical government seeks to disarm and nullify their right to do so?

I am appalled when the deceptive term, "common sense gun control," is preached to us law abiding Americans who love **FREEDOM**. It is such an insult to our intelligence, and is the intent by liberals to deceive the ignorant. Would educating people of firearms, our Bill of Rights, and the US Constitution not be a better route? I know it would be! Teach that **FREEDOM** and **LIBERTY** and **JUSTICE** is the American way! **STOP** hating **AMERICA** and our great state of **TEXAS**. If you do not like it here, then leave – **NO ONE WILL STOP YOU**. The liberal democrats want to pick and choose which rights they want to flaunt and shove in our faces. Let us **FREEDOM** loving Americans do the same with the rights we hold dear.

Texas needs to actually lead and show the country the same ferocity and intestinal fortitude we had when we fought at the Alamo. Let us enforce our laws that we already have and issue swift punishments following speedy trials. Bolster our police forces across the state and improve our legal system's efficiency to adjudicate cases across the state. Let us not succumb to the liberal, pathetic mantra that we must "do something, anything." Be Texans, and let us have the courage to incarcerate those criminals who break our laws instead of turning them loose like they do in liberal states. Bolster the ability of police forces to gather intelligence and share that across state and federal agencies. Mandate effective security measures for our public schools. Allow constitutional carry for all Texas residents. Support and defend our constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Heed your oaths of office – you made it before God! Cease the imposition of enacting frivolous laws and regulations upon the law abiding and **FREEDOM** loving Texans.

THE LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN IS NOT THE PROBLEM. STOP TREADING ON OUR RIGHTS TO APPEASE A BASELESS MINORITY. LEARN THE CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS. TEACH THE CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILDREN. CHERISH YOUR FREEDOM OR RISK LOSING IT. LOVE YOUR STATE AND COUNTRY AND FELLOW CITIZENS. STOP RELYING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO CARE FOR YOU AND DIRECT YOUR EVERY MOVE. USE YOUR BRAIN AND CHECK THE CONDITION OF YOUR HEART. THINK CRITICALLY AND RELY ON FACTS NOT

EMOTION TO AFFECT YOUR PROPOSALS AND DECISION MAKING. MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, KEEP YOUR OPINIONS TO YOURSELF AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE SOMETHING NICE TO SAY, DON'T SAY IT ALL!

Oh, and get a rifle or pistol to protect yourself and family – it's your RIGHT, for now. . .