

Duty # 4 Submission
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I was born a Texan and will be laid to rest as a Texan. I am proud to live in a state that has protected our precious 2nd Amendment rights and I have faith that it will continue to do so.

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I AM FIRMLY AGAINST ANY FURTHER ENCROACHMENT ON OUR 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS – PERIOD! This entails Red Flag laws (that will undoubtedly be abused as a way to confiscate guns), further types of background checks, requiring special insurance, taxing or limiting ammunition, restricting semi-automatic rifles & handguns, restricting magazine capacity, etc. This *only* hurts law abiding citizens who simply want to protect themselves and their families and has no affect on a person who would use a weapon to murder someone.

The people involved in mass shootings are mentally ill and have total disregard for human life much less the law. Surely they know that murder is against the law and carries a life sentence or even the death penalty. If that alone doesn't deter them absolutely no gun law we can dream up will!

Unfortunately evil is part of human behavior therefore we will never be able to completely eradicate mass shootings. If these people want to obtain a gun, they will. If they want to use that weapon to kill innocent people, they will try.

I firmly believe the best deterrent to mass shootings is to have more legally armed, and carrying citizens in the locations these shootings take place. If that were the case fewer innocent people would die *because a good person with a gun stops a bad person with a gun!* To make this point consider the recent West Freeway Church of Christ shooting in White Settlement Texas near Fort Worth.

(CBS YouTube video <https://youtu.be/WqWibXye6YE>)

The gunman was taken down in **S-I-X S-E-C-O-N-D-S** by a law abiding, legally carrying armed church member. *Many* lives were saved. For this reason I am also for **Constitutional Carry** and eliminating gun free zones that only embolden mass shooters who *take comfort* in knowing that it's highly unlikely they will be met with resistance.

Guns do not kill people, *people* kill people. A vehicle doesn't run people over, the driver does. **A gun, a vehicle, a knife... are inanimate objects.**

*The fact is you and I need to be **very vigilant*** because for every freedom that we lose, no matter how small or insignificant that freedom may seem, it will likely *never* be regained. I challenge you to take a few minutes this day and think of how many freedoms you have lost in your lifetime thus far. Freedoms that you and I have enjoyed but future generations will never know. Karl Marx once said "Remove one freedom per generation, and soon you will have no freedoms and no one will have noticed." As for our 2nd Amendment rights, I want to afford my children and their future generations the ability to protect their family and community as I have, in our great state of **Texas!**