

Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety, Select Duty (4)

It has come to my attention that your committee is gathering information and input from the public concerning "Select Duty (4)".

I fear the understandable emotional surge following one of these mass violence events lends itself to irrational thought and knee-jerk actions. We have always had a very few disturbed people in society who snap and commit highly egregious acts. Out of a current population over 328 million, our United States of America with millions of firearms in the possession of overwhelmingly decent, law-abiding folk, has relatively few of these events. "Red Flag" laws (unlawful seizure of private property), bans, "universal back ground checks", etc. only affect the law-abiding, responsible citizens. The very firearms some want me to turn in are exactly the weapons of choice for home defense. I'm older and out of shape, so "duking it out" with an assailant is pretty much out of the question. Criminals are by definition not law-abiding people. Why give them an advantage by making it safer for them to take advantage of the smaller, older, weaker citizens of this great nation? It is widely known that criminals fear a resident with a firearm more than anything else.

Yes, there are some bad people out there. In every situation, the only one who disarms a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. Our forefathers guaranteed us the "right to keep and bear arms" for a reason – the thugs roaming our streets now, and foreign governments who cannot impose their draconic ideology upon this great nation of free people as long we can stand against them – armed.

In the cotton candy, sugar plum world of simplistic minds, we could just turn all of our weapons in and the sun would shine and the birds would sing and there would be no hate or violence. I need not say more.

"Red Flag" laws will infringe on more peoples' rights than it helps. We're not fooled. The rest of the veiled laws and regulations are intended to lead to disarming the law-abiding American people – millions of us - over isolated events.

Uphold the laws on the books. Demand that everyone respects my "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". Make the criminals pay – not the ones who respect this country, its laws, and their fellowman.

Thank you for your time.