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This is a copy of a letter I sent to Honorable Jose Rodriguez on 08/07/2020

Dear Honorable Jose Rodriguez,

I have read through the "23 Legislative Proposals to Reduce Gun Violence" in your newsletter.

You mentioned the massacre that took place in El Paso, TX by a young man who was armed with a military style assault rifle who drove from North Texas to El Paso to essentially killed people of Mexican origin. I recall that day clearly. I also recall that apparently no one from Wal-Mart was armed with a firearm to defense themselves. The results were that they were defenseless and slaughtered. Where were the El Paso citizens with legal permits to carry a firearm? Not one of them attempted to stop the killer. Incidentally, only the US Military has legal access to assault rifles. You must also be fully aware with your legal background that criminals, gang members, and terrorists do not recognize firearm laws. Those criminals, gang members, and terrorists prey on unarmed citizens. El Paso is reportedly considered one of the safest cities in the United State in spite of the fact that one of the most dangerous cities, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico is across the border from El Paso. The Mexican cartels are known to send Mexican immigrants to the United States to transport narcotics. Mexico has strict gun control laws. In general, Mexican citizens cannot possess firearms without following strict gun control laws. The Mexican cartels have plenty of firearms. The US State Department has warned about travel to certain areas of Mexico.

There are already enough gun control laws on the books. These 23 proposals serve only to prevent and/or make it more difficult for law abiding citizens to protect themselves. Some of those proposals will make criminals out of law abiding citizens who will not want to have the government take their weapons through a buy back which may requires them under penalty of law to sell the firearms to the government or face punishment. Perfect examples of unarmed victims can be found almost daily in Chicago and other cities in the United States where draconian gun control laws are in effect. Moreover, the news media has brought to the attention of the USA what happens when you attempt to defense yourself with a firearm from mobs about to invade your home. It happened in St. Louis. Recently, the husband of the Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey pointed a hand gun at protestors who went to their home before dawn. The husband is now facing charges.

Therefore, I request that you not support the "23 Legislative Proposals to Reduce Gun Violence." Thank you for your cooperation.