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To:?? Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety

Gentlemen and Madams:

To achieve their political goals, Democrats and other leftist extremists blame mass shootings on firearms.?? In their zeal to eliminate firearms they use terms like "gun violence" and "gun crime."?? Notably, other mass tragedies are not treated in the same way. When was the last time Democrats wanted to sue car manufacturers for a chain automobile collision on a major highway??? Do they ever use the term "car violence?"

In Chicago, where murders and injuries by firearms are a plague, the Mayor will blame everyone, but the murderer.?? Mayor Lightfoot will blame President Trump, the availability of firearms in neighboring states, and any other excuse that she can conceive except blaming the people who commit the crimes.?? This attempt to psychologically divert attention from the problem reveals the real issue that is causing the violence.?? Without firearms, the violence would still be committed by any means available from knives to rocks, as we, coincidentally, see in Portland, Seattle, and other Democrat run cities that are turning a blind eye toward Antifa and Black Lives Matter, which are both anti-American, fascist, Marxist organizations.

In their great, inspired vision for our nation, our founders recognized that certain rights were not given to us by man.?? They were given to us by God.?? One of these key rights is the right to protect ourselves and our families. The right to keep and bear arms is not about hunting, as puppets like Joe Biden would espouse.?? No, the right to protect ourselves is fundamental to a free society, free from governmental persecution or personal harm.?? This right must not be infringed, ever.?? This is why our founders put the Second Amendment right behind the First Amendment.?? Without the Second, we lose the First.

My recommendation is to look closely at the real causes for violence in all forms.?? Look at the psychological and psychiatric causes, as well as, the sociological conditions that lead individuals to this violence.?? Look at gangs, disadvantaged communities, and, yes, failed cultures and subcultures that enable crime and encourage violence.?? In too many instances, these criminal subcultures--that exist right in front of us all--are inflamed by a media complex

that denigrates wholesome family life and promotes sinister behavior, including the debasement of women, as a means to capture their minds and their money.?? Look closely at the real reasons behind "gun violence" and you will find other issues that are, at times, glaringly obvious, yet ignored for political reasons.?? This is the focus that the Committee should have.?? Address the real causes not the incidental tools used in the hands of a pathological criminal or psychopath.

Best Regards,

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It's no wonder that truth is stranger than fiction. Fiction has to make sense. - Mark Twain