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I am writing you today to express my opinion on the proposed new legislation pertaining to additional restrictions to law abiding gun owners and future legal gun owners. Any new restrictions should be voted against and I will not support any current or future candidate, bill, proposal, or guidance that restricts gun owners or their rights to purchase, carry, or own firearms. It has been sowed time and time again that legal gun owners stop more crime than the media reports. Red flag laws have also shows that they do not work, are abused by third parties (see CA where a protester filed against a counter protesters), and deny due process to the gun owners, which results in putting officers lives in harm's way.

I support new legislation which allows rolling back these attacks on our rights to carry firearms for protection as well as owning firearms without fear of additional restrictions. The current Democratic nominee is pushing for national gun registration, federal taxes on current owned firearms, and gun confinscation of legal law abiding firearm owners. This will further disenfranchise minority firearm ownership and re-create Jim Crow laws as to whom is allowed or can afford to own a firearm.

I want every representative ask the first question to any new legislation, "If these new restrictions can legally be applied to any other personal right?" If they cannot then the proposed restriction is also illegal against the second amendment. It will be unjustified to add a tax to exercise an individuals right to free speech, a petition to the court to remove an individual's right to vote, or an additional fee to be granted due process or trial by jury.

Thank you
Thomas Shimer.