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I'm a retired US Army Veteran with 30 years of honorable service from 1963-1993. I do not speak for the US Army or the Department of Defense....I'm here today as a US Veteran, to speak on behalf of this 6 page, 4,440 word document, called the Constitution and Bill Of Rights. With all due respect, every politician in our Representative Republic holding office today, is doing so courtesy of the GUN & this document. ALL Politicians & We members of the Military took the same oath to preserve, protect & defend this document. That similarity ends with the military's additional requirement of a down payment, **with our lives**. We in the Military & Veterans community have long known how politicians from both political parties, selectively forsake and infringe upon this document, the minute they lower their right hands, at the conclusion of their swearing-in ceremony....without ramifications, even at the ballot box. My heart goes out to every victim of violence, regardless of the EVIL method used, to end any innocent life. Evil does exist in this world today.....and It ALWAYS will. WE THE PEOPLE of America cannot legislate EVIL into extinction. That's why we have this CONSTITUTION and Bill of Rights. The purpose of an ACTIVE ARMED FORCES is to compliment the unorganized Militia of a free state the right of the people to keep and bear arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED. This ratified Constitution & Bill of Rights document, settled every GUN CONTROL argument on December 15, 1791. That said, and again with all due respect, if you politicians within this Representative Republic continue to infringe upon this Constitution for a little temporary safety, while there are still defenders of this document in harm's way, then you are dishonoring and disrespecting EVERY MILITARY LIFE sacrificed since 1775. The US Military is actually 16 years older than America is, which this document formed, and is the very government you politicians are supposed to be representing and defending today. It's my professional military opinion as someone that has defended this Constitution, for over half of my adult life, and retired with the enlisted US Army rank of Command Sergeant Major and pay grade of E-9. That makes me more than qualified to declare that if you politicians succeed with your CONSTITUTIONAL INFRINGEMENT AGENDA, you will have forfeited your right to ever say to any AMERICAN VETERAN again: "Thank You For Your Service."