

Ladies and gentlemen,

I'm an 86 year-old veteran of the U.S. Army who was drafted during the Korean conflict. In the Army I was taught to shoot to kill with a 30-calibre M1 Carbine. I was an excellent shot. After my honorable discharge in 1952 I swore never to handle or pull the trigger of ANY weapon ever again.

I never have.

I believe I've suffered more personal tragedy than most - I lost two of my three children during the bloom of their lives. Death to me is personal and real. Gun deaths in particular sadden me because they're largely avoidable. My children's deaths were not.

Senate Bill 941 and other measures to restrict guns will go a long way to keep them out of the hands of bad people. I STRONGLY SUPPORT such legislation.

Very Sincerely,

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