

Before you can even start talking about Gun Issues and New Gun Laws, the Mental Health Issues must be addressed. Mental illness is very prevalent in this Country and State and it **Must** be addressed. It comes disguised as PTSD, Depression, Bullying, Alcohol and Drug Issues. Just to name a few. Take care of the Mental Health Issues the Gun Issues go away. Look into it, Research it.

When a vehicle is used to commit an act of violence we as a society do not blame the car, we do not blame the speed, or the steering wheel, but rather the driver. What is the difference here? Take away the guns? Why aren't we going after the Shooter? Sentence them to Life in Prison, Death Penalty? No, much easier to penalize the Law abiding citizens. The Old adage works here, "When Guns are Outlawed, Only Outlaws will have Guns!"

Let's do this instead of all these Anti-Gun Measures; submit all disqualifying mental health and criminal records to the FBI to make the national background check system work as intended.

Urge our community law enforcement to educate gun owners to properly store their firearms when not in use through free gunlock programs like those funded by the firearms industry. Let's insist authorities lock up criminals who would illegally "straw purchase" guns for those who can't because they're disqualified.

When our lawmakers attempt to convince us we're safer by restricting rights instead of putting criminals in prison, they turn a blind eye to addressing the problems.

I love my Country and my State. I love the Freedoms it affords me. No other Country in the world offers these Freedoms. Let's keep it this way!! Protect our Second Amendment Rights! Protect our Freedoms! Let's get things correct and not jump in with knee jerk decisions. Thank you for taking the time to read my E-mail.

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"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes...Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

"Cesare Beccaria as quoted by Thomas Jefferson"