

Apparently I could not be heard or seen on the computer today although I could hear and see the chairman and had unmuted and turned on my camera when my name was called.

I heard much testimony by people wanting to "feel" safe and none that would actually make them or their schools "be" safe.

Concealed carry has not been or will be a threat to them. Signs saying "no firearms or weapons allowed" are a threat public entities. The signs might as well say "Defenseless targets inside".

If they really want to be safer, they would allow teachers with the desire to get trained and carry concealed to get the training. Some of the defensive firearms training schools have offered free training for teachers.

The Parkland shooting is an example of what can happen when laws and signs fail. The student who committed the shooting had no criminal record because of an Obama administration rule wherein students would not be charged with crimes committed while they were in school. Because the guilty student had no criminal record even though he had committed crimes while in school., he was able to legally buy the weapon he used.

The FBI admitted they "dropped the ball" since they failed to pass information they had that the student was dangerous to their Miami office. The school resource officer did not respond to the shooting either because of an old protocol or cowardice.

A teacher took seven rounds and was killed while trying to protect students. Do you think that teacher might have intervened with a firearm had he been allowed conceal carry? He was certainly brave enough.

What makes people "feel" unsafe is the constant bombardment for months on end by the sensationalist press. They give the impression these incidents happen all the time. At the same time the press gives incentive to the shooter by putting his/her name in the news all over the country. These shooters do not know or care of the difference between infamous and famous They just want to be known.

For that reason I think their name should never be made public and any evidence they ever existed should be erased from all records.

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