Dear Legislators:

We all want a country where we don't need to fear to send our children to school or to go to a synagogue or a music festival or a movie theater or a peaceful protest. My husband has not set foot in a movie theater since the Aurora CO shooting. Though I have been a peaceful member of several protest marches in the past, I am now unwilling to attend protests because of the likelihood of gun violence. I am not asking the legislature to guarantee my safety, nor am I asking the legislature to take away any lawful gun owner's right to own guns. I am asking us to take simple measures that would greatly reduce the fear of violence at public gatherings and on public grounds. Our society is being destabilized by fear, and we cannot address this fear by asking everyone to either buy a gun or to stay home.

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