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I am writing to strongly oppose proposed magazine capacity limits, additional buying restrictions, and mandatory training requirements for purchasing firearms. These measures infringe upon my Second Amendment rights as a law-abiding citizen and fail to enhance safety while disproportionately harming vulnerable communities.

The Second Amendment guarantees my right to keep and bear arms for self-defense and personal liberty. Magazine capacity limits undermine this right by arbitrarily restricting the tools I need to protect myself and my family. Criminals, who do not obey laws, will ignore these limits, leaving law-abiding individuals like me at a disadvantage. History shows gun control, including magazine restrictions, fails to reduce crime. Criminals source weapons illegally, unaffected by these laws, while I face unnecessary hurdles.

Additional buying restrictions and mandatory classes further erode this constitutional right by imposing excessive barriers. The right to bear arms is inherent, not contingent on costly mandates. While I value safety and training, forcing these requirements on citizens adds financial burdens that disproportionately impact the poor. For those with limited resources, the costs of classes, fees, or compliant equipment can make exercising their rights unattainable—effectively pricing them out of their constitutional freedoms.

These laws target law-abiding citizens like me while doing little to address violence's root causes. Decades of gun control have not curbed crime, yet they chip away at our liberties under the pretext of security. I urge you to reject these measures and uphold my Second Amendment rights. Law-abiding citizens, especially the most vulnerable, deserve protection—not penalties that favor the wealthy and empower criminals.