

Dear Congressman,

I object to the recent Senate Republican's actions on Gun Control since this legislation effectively assumes that all citizens under the age of 21 are lawless. How dare you accept those provisions! If it is to prevent future Littleton's, these laws won't do the job. The sawed-off shotguns carried by the Littleton thugs are easily concealed and made. They are far more lethal than pistols. And you cannot eliminate the threat of mass killings from sawed-off shotguns without effective prohibition of shotguns.

The most troubling aspect of this recent Senate legislation is the lack of stopping rules. That is, legislation is being passed that will not impact the pattern of violence. When violence happens again, more legislation which does not affect the violence will be passed and so on. The end is clear, in a few years there will be no legal guns in private hands in the United States. Studies and the experiences with Concealed Carry laws in Florida, Texas, Georgia, Virginia and many other states have given you the data to prove that trusting the law abiding people works to reduce violence. Pilot law enforcement efforts, such as Project Exile in Richmond, have demonstrated the value of tough enforcement of existing laws against criminals. Yet the Senate Republicans have turned their backs on this data and these projects. They have turned their backs on the people.

The House should demand enforcement of existing gun crime laws or no new laws should be passed. The Congress can fund the prosecution of felons that carry guns so that we have a nationwide Project Exile. By using a block grant approach they can get the money to the states and bypass any executive branch foot-dragging. If you Republicans don't work enforcement into the compromise somehow, you will need volunteers from Handgun Control Inc. and their ilk to replace us gun owners who will sit on our hands in the coming election. Where you will get voters to replace us, I don't know.

Don't bother to tell me that conditions for gun owners will be made worse by our inaction. It is only a matter of time before those conditions become unacceptable anyway, given current Republican and Democrat practices. I am content to make it now, rather than wait. You see, I am not going to reward Republicans with my support for trying to do the right thing on crime control. To quote a Hollywood character "Try not! There is no try. Do or do not." I'll be looking for what you do.

Sincerely,