

The Honorable Jerry Moran
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Moran,

My name is _____ and I live at _____ in _____. I am writing today to urge you to support legislation regarding safe and reasonable gun laws. I am a constituent who is deeply troubled that our political leaders have failed to act in any meaningful way to attempt to stop this violence. I am a person of faith and continue to pray for those who have suffered from such senseless tragedies, but my faith also tells me that action must be taken as well.

Mass shootings have become routine in the US, and now is the time to do something about gun safety. I am NOT asking for a ban on guns for law abiding, mentally fit citizens as this would go against their 2nd amendment rights. But how many times must we lose those we love in a mass shooting tragedy and then just move on? With every shooting that robs us of the lives of innocent people, we become farther away from being all that we can be as the United States of America. As a country that is very much awash with Judeo-Christian values, it seems particularly perplexing to me that we make no attempt at thwarting this kind of violence. Why do we act as if there is nothing we can do about it? When did this become OK? How many more people have to die?

The prophets of the Hebrew Scripture preached about the day when weapons would be turned into gardening tools. Jesus urged his disciples to do whatever it took to welcome the little children. Throughout Scripture, we are called to turn from idolatry. Is not our beholden-ness to the NRA and to the belief that the answer to gun violence is more guns simply a form of idolatry?

Over the years, numerous bills have been introduced and failed. Yet, a failed bill is still better than no attempt at all. So I urge you to introduce, seek out and/or support a bill that will increase more stringent background check requirements for weapons. In addition, support the elimination of the availability of assault weapons, which have been used in so many mass shootings in the US, including Dayton, El Paso, Las Vegas, Orlando, San Bernardino, Colorado Springs and Chattanooga. (My apologies for the incompleteness of this list, since it grows almost daily.) Our children and our future of this great nation are relying on you to act, to make a difference.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

