

The Honorable Josh Hawley
212 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hawley,

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,

