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Dear Elected Representative of "The People",

I am writing you in regards to the recent and misguided attempts of some of your colleagues to undermine the Liberty of law-abiding Citizens by exploiting the victims of the tragic and cowardly mass spree killings in Texas and Ohio.

It is incomprehensible to us that after 50 years of ever-increasing gun control, and the noted failures of all of it, some in government continue to advocate for ever greater restrictions on the constitutional rights that they are sworn to uphold and protect. Opportunistic organizations continue to advocate to legislative leaders bans, confiscations, databases, red flag/ERPO laws, gun free zones, and restrictions that, history has shown, will only further empower criminals and evil doers by stripping away the Rights and Liberties of law-abiding citizens and put those very same citizens at greater and greater risk. It is important to recognize that Law abiding Citizens do NOT commit crimes or victimize innocent people.

In my experience, most elected officials are ill informed as to the pervasive and intrusive nature of current Pennsylvania gun laws. Even the state and national groups dedicated to destroying Article 1, Section 21 of Pennsylvania's Constitution admit that Pennsylvania is the 11th most restrictive state in the nation for the exercise of the right to bear arms even though we have wording in our Constitution that says this right *shall not be questioned!*

When elected officials assault the Rights of their constituents and citizens at large by imposing bans and limitations, and those Citizens are later victimized by criminals, while they were unable to defend themselves due to the bans and limitations set forth by said elected officials, then those elected officials should rightly be held to the same criminal standard as the actors in the crime. Because that elected official was directly involved making their constituents "soft targets" for the evil criminal to prey upon.

Bans and restrictions ONLY effect the law abiding Citizen. Banning ANY type of firearm or what I refer to as "tool of self-defense" will not, and has never been shown to, stop someone who is hell-bent on committing an act of evil. The logic of banning objects is as flawed as saying 9-11 would have been stopped by banning box cutters or by claiming that an elected official can eliminate rape and sexual assaults by having all of the males in the country submit to a penectomy.

It is the height of irony that the very elected officials who want to strip the Rights and Liberties of their own constituents have "state funded" private security, legal representation, propaganda departments, and claim qualified immunity for their, in some cases, criminal actions. I believe the term "hypocrisy" is rather appropriate. What further rubs salt in the wound is that when "we" are restricted, our tax dollars go to supply those same rights to the very elected officials that seek to restrict ours. I wonder what Americans of years past, not to mention our founding fathers, would say of this? What would those who fought and died to establish and protect our American way of life say about the actions of your colleagues?

There truly is a societal problem when human life is so undervalued that an elected official feels that it is the "right thing to do" to disarm and attack peaceful law abiding Citizens with unconstitutional legislation and

ordinances. It is even more unacceptable when elected officials violate the laws of the land and are lauded as "courageous" and NOT held accountable by the justice system or those with oversight powers to hold them accountable.

City of Pittsburgh Mayor, William Peduto issued a press release on August 6th, 2019. There is ONE statement he made that I completely agree with.

Mayor Peduto said:

"It's time for action. Anybody who ran for legislative office ran on the promise to citizens that they would vote on difficult issues, even issues they're afraid of. If you're not willing to vote, resign,"

I insist in the strongest possible terms that you help bring Daryl Metcalfe's H.R.462 (Resolution to Impeach the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh) to a vote. Failing to hold public officials accountable for criminal violations of the law and exceeding their authority is unconscionable and can only lead to anarchy down the road.

I caution you to not misinterpret the concept of self-defense with aggression or violent tendencies. I, like so many across this country, am armed to defend myself, my family, my Wife, my Son, and those who I love. I take on this responsibility because I know that the government cannot do this and, in fact, has no "legal responsibility" to protect average citizens, only to enforce the law. Only I can efficiently protect my family. It is MY responsibility. When seconds count, the government is minutes away. When government tries to take away my Rights, then government is making my Wife and Son vulnerable to the acts of evil criminals. Do not help criminal by disarming and restricting law-abiding Citizens.

Do not be deceived by those who find solutions in the limitation or restrictions of our Rights and Liberties. New restrictive legislation will do nothing but victimize your constituents. Our strength as a Nation has ALWAYS been found in the free exercise of Rights by an educated citizenry, continue THAT legacy. Further, if we are not willing to make the justice system work, then no level of laws will increase the safety of society. For example, California is the number one most restrictive state in the nation for the ownership of firearms and yet they are the mass murder capital of our nation! Do you, as an elected leader, want to turn Pennsylvania into that?

YOU are in a position of leadership. Step up to your station and exude the character and integrity that was once a requirement of a representative of "The People". Protect our Rights and Liberties; they are yours too. Advocate the FREE exercise of Rights and promote Liberty as promised by our Constitution that you are sworn to uphold. You have the power to make a real difference and set a positive example. Our founding fathers wrote the Constitution, but it was the "People" that DEMANDED the Bill of Rights. Protect those Rights.... ALL OF THEM. Then we can take steps together to help address the actual causes of Criminal Violence in our culture.

I recognize that you are under constant assault from the very anti-Liberty lobbyists and tyrannical organizations that control some of your colleagues. They are indeed well funded, mobilized and intimidating, but you must stand up to them even if you are, as Mayor Peduto said, "afraid".

Remember this: no matter what they say, no matter what they offer as a "common sense" solution, the right solution does not involve taking ANY thing or ANY Right away from ANY law abiding Citizen... let that be your guiding principle too.

"We the People" are watching and will gladly support elected officials who champion Liberty, and we will fight all those that oppose it.

If you require more information, clarification, or would like to discuss this matter further, feel free to contact me at the above email address. I am standing by and at the ready to assist you in the advancement of Liberty.

Yours Most Respectfully,



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