



April 2, 2023

The Hon. \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives  
The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Ban Assault Weapons**

Dear Members of Congress,

I am writing once again to express my sadness and outrage over the gun violence that we experience in our country.

Six victims, slain in a school in Nashville, three of them just 9 years old. They are the latest victims in a gory, unacceptable epidemic of gun violence—and the latest souls whose brutal murders demand we take action to put our children and our communities ahead of loyalty to gun manufacturers and lobbyists.

Once again, the culprit used assault weapons—weapons of violence and mass destruction that have no place in civil society and were never dreamed of, much less protected, by the framers of the Constitution.

**Congress must reinstate the assault weapons ban immediately.** It worked in the past and can work again. When there was a federal assault weapons ban, the number of gun-related deaths plummeted—and rose again when Congress and President George W. Bush refused to renew it. We need commonsense, impactful action to tackle gun violence. Most Americans agree: Civilians do not need military-grade weaponry.

A dance hall in Monterey Park. A Buffalo supermarket. A school in Uvalde. A Fourth of July Parade outside Chicago. A nightclub that was an oasis for the LGBTQ+ community in Colorado Springs. And these are just a few of the massacres over the past year. 130 mass shootings and 56 dead children under the age of 12 since the beginning of this year. Add Nashville's Covenant School to this list of places that will never be the same, that will be haunted by our society's inability to act due to obstruction by those loyal to the gun lobby.

Across party lines, voters agree with commonsense measures, but too many elected officials, who are in a ghoulish embrace with the NRA and others in the gun lobby, want to talk about anything other than guns when it comes to gun violence.

This has become a voting issue for me and I suspect millions of others and as in the Gospel story of the Widow's Mite, we will persist. Our numbers will grow, we will persist and no one will be able to gerrymander or voter suppress their way beyond our reach.

Sincerely,

(Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

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