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Dear Representative Bryant, I am writing you this morning with a very, very heavy heart for Sante Fe High School and extreme disappointment as I have to listen to and watch yet again another senseless mass shooting that occurred due to our very lax laws on gun control. I am a parent of a 4 year old girl and 7 year old boy and I don't even know how to process how they'll be safe at school or anywhere else when we've had 22 school shootings alone in 2018. Yes, 22, that's over 5 per month since January. So now I am putting this issue on you as you are in position to make the changes necessary to resolve this national crisis we have on our hands. This is on you and your colleagues. Americans have overwhelmingly pleaded for lawmakers to make the changes necessary to fix this problem. I am now holding you responsible for ensuring the safety of my two children and everyone else in this country. Please don't fail us. Below is a letter that I had already written beforehand and had been sending out to lawmakers around the country for a couple months now. Please take action on it's recommendations - thanks. In light of the recent mass shootings including the horrific one at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, and the many horrific mass shootings and other excessive gun violence that have occurred in the United States going back decades I have decided to come up with changes needed to our existing gun laws that are long overdue. These changes are based on research that I have done analyzing my own state's (Virginia) gun laws and gun laws from the other states in this country and other countries. I therefore believe that enacting these will significantly reduce or eliminate mass shootings and significantly reduce other gun violence that plagues our society. As it turns out, a lot of these changes really come down to basic common sense gun control and these should be obvious to everyone in our country but our country has basically done nothing to address our issues of Gun Violence. I know a lot of that is due to the gun lobbyists who have paid out millions over the years to representatives to legislate gun laws to their own desires. So the gun laws strictly reflect only a portion of the population that has very nonrestrictive views for gun control and access. Let me be very clear, I am pro 2nd Amendment. To me it's one of our most fundamental tenants of our rights as an American. I personally don't have any problems with guns and other people having them. However, the intent of the 2nd Amendment is to allow individuals to be armed to defend themselves and to have a well regulated militia. And we are very, very, very far from that intent today. One example is the very lax (or lack of) system we have in place for background checks across the nation. Basically, anyone can easily get any gun (yes, even machine guns and other NFA weapons per a loophole in the Federal laws) they want to with no background check. That is highly irresponsible of what's supposed to be a civilized society and does not comply with the 2nd amendment of having a well regulated militia. I would like to share this model and letters from RI and PA with you. If you would be so kind as to provide me an email address I could send it to I would appreciate it. You can also contact your colleague leaders in the House who I was able to email the model to them directly. It is a 13 page Word document and the letter from RI and PA is one page. Thank You, David Zilles dazilles@gmail.com <https://apple.news/AOX9I5Q-nQ8uBJ-6oiHqgQw>

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