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Dear Governor Haley,

I am a faithful and loyal citizen, father, husband, brother and son. I have never committed a crime save the occasional five miles above the posted speed limit. I deeply love my Country, her history and most importantly the guarantees in the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution. The United States is a beacon of Freedom and within that Freedom is the derivative of our strength and enduring history.

We encourage by the First Amendment our citizens to form their own opinions, worship how they chose or not, to assemble in public and express themselves and to rebuke our leaders. In fact we keep running score boards, a.k.a. polls, in the public forefront that graphically depict our collective opinions of our Nations leaders. This is a bedrock principle of our Freedom. This principle is not granted by the United States Constitution, rather it is documented to put the Government on notice that it cannot - shall not infringe upon this principle, ever. However, this does not mean that you can misuse this principle to harm others, so you cannot use the First Amendment to intentionally cause harm to others. Meaning you cannot scream fire to cause panic and exempt yourself from liability from the resulting harm.

We guarantee the principle that the government cannot shall not infringe upon the principle that citizens have a right bear arms. This means the government cannot shall not ban firearms of any type. However, this does not mean that we cannot regulate this principle for the security of a free state. In 1934, the National Firearms Act restricted open distribution of fully automatic weapons, short barreled rifles and shotguns and AOW any other weapon that is a destructive device. The NFA did not ban weapons but provided a common-sense path to obtain restricted weapons.

We face a similar decision today. How do we has a free society bound by the United States Constitution and ensure the security of a free state? I would offer the following has a pathway forward;

" Provide a tax credit to citizens properly securing their firearms in a locking device or safe

" Increase penalties for crimes committed with a firearm or AOW.

" Increase penalties for stealing firearms or AOW.

I ask that you stand-fast in the face of the onslaught that will be brought forward by those citizens and elected officials that will come to you expressing their First Amendment right to infringe upon the Second Amendment. Banning firearms, magazines and ammunition is not an option and falls under shall-not be infringed. Banning firearms, magazine and ammunition is not the solution. Blaming the lawful will not stop the lawless.

If passing laws prohibiting criminal activities was the answer, then we would not be having this debate. It is already a crime to commit murder during an act of non-self defense. It is already a crime to commit theft. It is already a crime to possess a firearm in a gun free zone. It is already a crime to commit a violent crime with the possession of a firearm. Passing additional laws known to have no impact on the behavior of criminals, will not solve the complexity of this problem or protect our citizens.

Thank you for reading my thoughts and serving our citizens in government service.

Sincerely,
Barry Childs