

Response to House Bill 13-1224

A Bill for an Act
101 Concerning, Prohibiting Large-Capacity Ammunition Magazines

My name is William Adaska, I have lived in Colorado 12 years. I do possess a conceal carry permit and have shot a variety of rifles. A number of my relatives are in the police department in Chicago and my cousin, Tom Votava, was the chief of police in Bowling, Green Kentucky.

Colorado is a great and free state. **I am hopeful that this legislature will not spoil its record with a bill that is so grievously unconstitutional.** House Bill 13-1224 is a direct attack on the second amendment of the Bill of Rights (the ability of free Americans to protect themselves with firearms), and it does nothing to protect American citizens in a time of mass murder by gunman. Do not disarm law-abiding citizens under the pretext of protecting us! This bill limits the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect ourselves. The police cannot respond in time to save our life.

Mr. Chairman, after you kill this bill today, I would like to recommend to the legislature to consider a bill that will protect schools and movie goers in Colorado. But, I will first tell a short story – a real story – that makes this control issue real.

A close friend of mine, Erin Christian, has a daughter that was in the Aurora shooting. According to Erin's description, the gunman, James Holmes, entered from the front of the theater, tossed two tear gas grenades, one right over her daughters head, and started shooting. As the crowd stood up in panic, the two men to the right of her were shot dead from a shot gun blast. The next shot hit her friend to the left of her. As they both dropped for cover, Erin's daughter dialed 911 and attempted to stop the bleeding from her friend's chest and neck. The gunman continued shooting at the mass of people attempting to exit the theater, walking up the right side of the theater – shooting at moving targets- crossed the theater and descended down the left side of the theater continuing to shoot. The gunman approached Erin's daughter. She remain silent in terror as the Holmes passed within 5 feet of her. The gunman, either out of ammo or with the rifle jammed, walked to his car and was captured.

The police information I obtained suggests that 3% of Aurora citizens have a conceal carry permit. Therefore, if conceal carry guns were allowed in the theater, six individuals had ample opportunity to shoot James Holmes. Holmes knew that the theater goers were defenseless as he shot over 50 people.

Imagine you having the same protection that those theater goers had and James Holmes walked in through that, door shooting every moving legislator crossing the room and walked out that door.

Armed American citizens are the best defense against armed criminals in the home, in schools and public/commercial gathering places. There are very few, if any, attacks by mass murders in an open carry WalMart.

William Adaska

It should be noted that the standard Baretta M9 used by the military, police and many gun owners has a standard magazine of 15 rounds. The standard magazine for an AR15 and AK rifle is 30 rounds. These are commonly used for home protection.

The legislature must remember that you write laws for or against law-abiding citizens. The criminal element in Colorado will not limit their magazines to less than 10 rounds.

In conclusion:

House Bill 13-1224 says to Colorado citizens, if you can't stop your attackers with 10 shots, you deserve to die.

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman for your time. I will entertain any questions.

It is prudent that I do not discuss my combination of security systems for myself and my family.

This is a letter from Erin Christen, whose daughter was at the Aurora theater shooting where her daughter's best friend was critically wounded. Erin took time to support (in her own words) the Law-Abiding citizens of Colorado against these Dangerous Anti-Gun Bills William Adaska

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Hi Bill,

Laws were created by and for people who were willing to abide by those laws. Criminals are people who do not choose to abide by the law. They always have, and do, find ways to circumvent those laws which they believe do not apply to them. If a criminal decides to commit a crime they do not generally do it publicly but rather go behind the scenes and illegally acquire their weapons, drugs and align themselves with other criminally minded individuals. To create a law which only serves to be financially prohibitive to the "law abiding" citizen who is trying to protect his family or property is absurd! Because the criminal will always find a way to do his dastardly deeds **illegally!** Attempting to pass laws on gun control by suspending the common man from owning a firearm will only succeed in a reversal of justice because the only people who will have guns will either be the criminals or very wealthy. I suggest that every household be required to not only possess a firearm but also be required to learn how to use it. Criminals are cowards! They're sneaks, liars, thieves, murderers and people who prey on the innocent and unprepared. If the odds went up that their criminal activity would be met with lethal force by the common man then maybe they would think twice about carrying out their vile thoughts and plans. Since they're cowards that attack unsuspecting people and families in a theater, office, mall or innocent children in a school. Disempower these cowards with their own fear. Why do you think they go in armed to the hilt against an unseen enemy? Because they're afraid. They're cowards. And your going to enable them by financially prohibiting the common man or woman from protected themselves, their loved ones and their property? **Ridiculous!!!!**

Erin Christen



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NEWTOWN SIDES WITH NRA: VOTES FOR ARMED GUARDS IN SCHOOLS



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When the rubber hits the road, when the stark and very real choice is either empty political posturing with useless gun control laws or doing something practical to protect your children, the only people laughing at the NRA are a media determined to protect anything and everything involving Barack Obama. Today the Newtown Board of Education made the only choice any parent can: It [voted to put armed guards in its schools](http://news.yahoo.com/newtown-votes-armed-guards-elementary-schools-152326609.html) (<http://news.yahoo.com/newtown-votes-armed-guards-elementary-schools-152326609.html>):

The vote, for now, only represents a request — it still needs to clear budget and logistical boundaries since the guards would come from the town's police resources as opposed to the school board itself. But the plan 'would put two eyes and ears -- one armed, one unarmed -- at each Newtown school,' reports Bronxville Patch's Davis Dunavin. The guards, officially called school resource officers (SROs), were already a fixture at all Newtown schools in the wake of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, but until this vote they were budgeted only to be a presence at middle and high Schools, according to NBC Connecticut.

The current push for gun controls by The State and its media is nothing more than another front in the relentless culture wars against Red State Americans and Bitter Clingers. None of the proposed laws would have stopped the Sandy Hook murderer, which should tell you everything you need to know.

Meanwhile, in Democrat-run Chicago, there's a Newtown every month. But the only solution to that problem would be admitting harsh gun control laws and liberalism run amok have failed. So the media would rather Chicago's monthly Sandy Hook goes on than ever admit to such an inconvenient truth.

The NRA proposed putting armed guns in schools, and now the school board closest to this tragedy agrees.

Keep laughing and ignoring Chicago, media. You're only fooling your corrupt selves.



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