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To whom it may concern:

It would be very nice if the legal system would spend more time keeping track of criminals and those showing signs of potential criminal activity, than guns. We have spent billions of dollars on NICS checks, without a single report showing that it has done any good at preventing crime. There are over four million guns in the United States. Does anyone seriously think these bills will do anything to prevent a determined person from obtaining one? In addition, these bills will cause law-abiding citizens to be denied their constitutional right to have a gun. Lawmakers always seem to want to penalize law-abiding citizens, while at the same time releasing criminals back into our communities. Even our border is not secure, with thousands of "got aways" on the loose.

My wife, Dianne Wade, and I are coaches and gun safety instructors at Lake Shore Conservation Club, a gun club near Nisswa. We teach people to use firearms safely...no charge. The club supports high school trap and skeet teams, and students at CLC College. We put on a fundraising dinner every March to support these teams. You see, shooting is a wonderful activity when done safely. Unlike how the main stream media, and the entertainment industry likes to portray guns, millions of American own and use guns recreationally. Our safety record is outstanding.

Please stop trying to make gun ownership and use more difficult for law-abiding citizens like us, because more gun control laws do nothing to deter criminals.

Please vote no on all these bills.

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