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Hon. Ted Cruz, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Sen. Cruz:

In connection with tomorrow's Subcommittee hearing on "Proposals to Reduce Gun Violence: Protecting Our Communities While Respecting the Second Amendment," I would like to submit the enclosed article for your consideration.

The article is entitled "Reflections on Gun Control by a Second Amendment Advocate." It will be published today on the website of the *National Law Journal*. I'll provide a link to your office as soon as it's available.

Overall, I am skeptical about the efficacy of gun regulations – in major part because they are imposed almost exclusively on persons who are not involved in gun-related violence. I suggest in the article, however, several steps that might enhance public safety without violating core Second Amendment rights – including background checks on private sales at gun shows, if the checks can be completed in no more than 24 hours. Because the Supreme Court has held that the right to bear arms is "fundamental," government bears a heavy burden in justifying further regulations. So far, the regulators have not met that burden.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this important topic.

Sincerely,



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