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Dear Representative,

I am one of your constituents. I'm sickened by more children killed by one person with an AR-15 rifle.

My church is a big part of my life, but I realize prayers, thoughts, and good intentions are not enough to stop the threat of this one weapon to our children, our neighborhoods, and to our nation's good name in the world.

It seems that general gun law revisions are never going to happen, so maybe we should just start with this one gun and work forward from there?

The AR-15 that was used in the school shooting on Tuesday was also used for 11 other mass shootings since 2012, resulting in the deaths of 272 people.

AURORA, COLORADO: JUL. 20, 2012. 12 DEAD
CLACKAMAS, OREGON: DEC. 11, 2012. 2 DEAD
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT: DEC. 14, 2012. 27 DEAD
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA: DEC. 2, 2015. 14 DEAD
ORLANDO, FLORIDA: JUNE 12, 2016. 49 DEAD
LAS VEGAS: OCT. 1, 2017. 58 DEAD
SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS: NOV. 5, 2017. 25 DEAD
PITTSBURGH: OCT. 27, 2018. 11 DEAD
PARKLAND, FLORIDA: FEB. 14, 2018. 17 DEAD
DAYTON, OHIO: AUG. 4, 2019. 9 DEAD
MIDLAND, TEXAS: AUG. 31, 2019. 7 DEAD
BOULDER, COLORADO: MARCH 22, 2021. 10 DEAD
BUFFALO, NEW YORK: MAY 14, 2022. 10 DEAD
UVALDE, TEXAS: MAY 24, 2022. 21 DEAD

This letter is to ask for one simple thing: please pass legislation that makes the AR-15 illegal for civilian ownership and use. I know there is much more that could be done, but this one small thing could be a start.

You know all of the usual statistics and reasons and pleas and objections that go along with this conversation. I'm sparing you from all of that to beg you to set aside whatever differences may hinder this one simple request.

Our citizens elected YOU to protect them.

Sincerely,