

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 1, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 2015

Dear Speaker Boehner,

Gun violence affects every District and every community in America. We were all shocked and saddened by the senseless deaths of the victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy and have vowed that we would not let this happen again. Sadly, since then, America has been witness to at least 53 mass shootings[1]. Every day in this country, more than thirty people die as a result of gun violence.[2] This does not even address the individual victims of domestic violence or other vicious crimes that destroy families and communities.

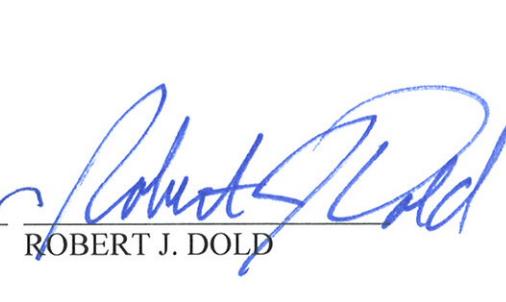
Our children should be safe in schools. People should be allowed to worship without threat of violence. Walking the neighborhoods of our cities should not be a high-risk activity. It is long past time that Congress addresses this national epidemic. We must ensure that guns do not make it into the hands of criminals, domestic abusers and the dangerously mentally ill. We can do this without infringing on Constitutionally guaranteed rights.

We call on you to bring to the Floor legislation that can protect innocent lives while safeguarding the rights of law abiding gun owners. No legislation will stop every tragedy, but passing commonsense gun laws will at least stop some. It is the least we can do to honor the memory of those we've lost to gun violence and prevent that list from growing.

Sincerely,


PETER T. KING


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ROBERT J. DOLD

[1] <http://everytownresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/MassShooting-080715-9.pdf>

[2] <http://www.bradycampaign.org/key-gun-violence-statistics>

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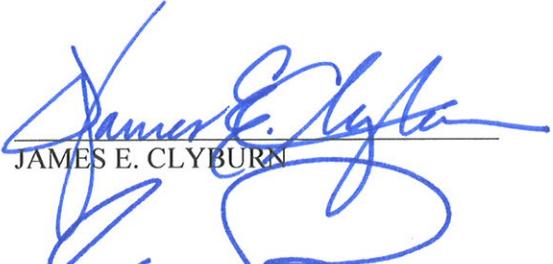
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