

**OPINION: “I am a law-abiding American and will never give up any of my firearms, especially my AR-15s.”**

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**HOWEVER**, I will support a national law limiting the sale of firearms with a capacity of more than 6 rounds and using a detachable magazine to persons age 21 and above who have either passed an NRA safety program, are a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or are a police academy graduate.

A person under 21 may use one of these firearms only in the company and supervision of the authorized owner of high capacity firearms, i.e., parent or guardian. However, I would not support such a law until all school districts and police departments utilize trained mental health counselors who use a protocol developed by the American Psychiatric Association to identify at risk individuals in our schools and communities. This can be done with local, country and state agencies feeding all info and tips into a federal agency which will assess and acts upon threats of violence using the appropriate law enforcement and mental health organizations.

HIPAA laws must be changed to allow for sharing of mental health records when it becomes a matter of public safety.

Lastly, every school in America needs an armed response program of some form **immediately** implemented to protect our children because the next five “school shooters” already have their guns and ammunition. They must be put on notice that a trained person in that school **will kill them** before they hear the first siren heading towards that school.

We need all three parts to make it work.

Please like and share this so we can make a start to protecting our kids.

– □Christopher Villeneuve