

Letters to a President

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Dear President Biden,

I am writing to you to address some issues that you should prioritize during the first few months in office as well as my hope for the shape of the future world. First of all, I would like to congratulate you to becoming the 46th president of the United States. I wish you the best success in your new role, and I know you will make the nation proud. Gun violence has always been a nationwide issue in America, and we want you to stop it. People can buy a gun within minutes, and it is really sad to see that no other president has taken in account that many innocent lives are being taken away in just one day alone. People use guns to play with and joke around instead of using it properly. People are using it to take advantage of a significant number of people in public places such as schools, nightclubs, worship places...and in one year alone 34,000 deaths were recorded because of this. Children attend school to learn and to be frightened for the rest of their lives and not to sadly die. This is a big problem and guns should most certainly not be used in this way. If you really want to decrease the amount of terrorism, massacres, innocent, defenseless people dying and mass shootings in schools and public places, you must take action. The most effective solution to decrease the problem of gun-violence across America is to be stricter with your laws. You could:

- o Increase the age of people that can buy guns, so there would be fewer mass shooting
- o Introduce a fine for people who have a gun
- o Increase a variety of punishments for the misuse of guns
- o Slowly tell gun dealerships to not sell any guns
- o Include a deep background check of the buyer of the gun
- o Have a maximum of 1 gun in your house

Some may argue that laws in America should be "less strict" but I disagree and believe that it should be stricter as everybody can get a gun so easily which results in the cause of too many innocent deaths. Suicides committed without a gun only results in a 5% death rate unlike with a gun it jumps to a staggering 85%. The U.S. is 25 times that of other high-income countries in the rate of homicide. With an access to a gun, it increases the chances of homicide by two times.

If you do this, America will become a safer and a better place to live in for you and your citizens!

Kind Regards,

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