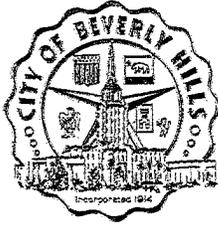


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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, the City Council and the residents we represent, I want to commend you for your congressional leadership in championing gun control legislation that will help protect our children, families and communities from military-style assault weapons that have only one purpose – to kill people. The horrific slaughter of elementary school children in Newtown, Connecticut is an affront to the moral fabric of our society and puts in sharp relief the urgent need to enact sensible, federal gun control legislation that puts an end to this madness.

We have followed with great interest your recent comments highlighting your plan to introduce a bill to ban the sale and transfer of semiautomatic weapons and large capacity magazines. Banning large-capacity ammunition clips capable of accepting more than 10 rounds, as you propose, is a necessary first step. A mandatory background check for owners of grandfathered weapons makes sense as well. Moreover, prohibiting the sale, transfer, importation or manufacture of 120 specifically-named firearms that pose the greatest threat to our communities is, at its core, the foundation of good gun control law. Therefore, we applaud and wholeheartedly endorse this critically important initiative.

Your legislative proposal is a key part of any long-term solution Congress must adopt if we are to end the plague of gun violence that threatens the lives of far too many of our fellow citizens. While the causes of gun violence are both complex and multifaceted, our national leaders must have the political courage to say enough is enough. The time for decisive and deliberate action is now.

The City of Beverly Hills enthusiastically embraces your bill. We look forward to working with you to ensure its enactment into law.

Sincerely,

William W. Briem, M.D.
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

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City Manager, Jeff C. Kolin
Police Chief, David L. Snowden