

To Whom it May Concern:

I have grown up around guns. I'm comfortable using them and being around them. Going to the shooting range is a time to bond with my dad and I love eating fresh game that he brings in.

That being said, I have a problem with gun laws in this country. I am 17 soon to be 18

and at that point I can buy an assault rifle. Why? What am I going to do with it? There is no

practicality in it. A hand gun is used in defense not an AR-15. You can't hunt with it, that would ruin the meat. You would be killing just to be killing. The thought of some of my peers being

able to get hold of this type of weapon is terrifying. I don't trust half of them with scissors much less a deadly weapon. Raise the age limit to buy guns. While it may not stop every person that

shouldn't have a gun it may stop the young and impulsive. Not only raise the age limit but do background checks. Even if it is a sale between a private seller require a background check. It

would catch the people that do apply for a gun and are not of suitable standing for one and deter those who know that they have no chance of passing one. Look at the bill that is starting the

process of being passed in Florida. While it is not perfect it is the start of keeping people, especially students, safe.

The tragedies that keep happening in this country is concerning. It happens so often that we are becoming numb to them. I was unsurprised to learn there was a school shooting that

killed 17 students. I was unsurprised to hear that an entire church was killed. When we become numb to these things nothing gets done. To keep ourselves from becoming to hardened against

these tragedies we must make them outlier situations. In order to make them outlier situations we must make changes and that starts with guns. I know that guns are not the whole issue, that the

people wielding the gun is the main problem, but people are unpredictable. With a human you can only guess at truth and intentions, but we wouldn't have to if their ability to cause mass

damage was limited.

Sincerely,

Kaegan

Impact ECHS Senior