



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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January 16, 2013

Vice President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As the elected Sheriff of Stanislaus County, I recognize the primary responsibility of law enforcement is to protect the citizens and preserve individual rights and freedoms. Individual rights and freedoms as provided for by the Constitution of the United States should never be threatened or compromised.

In accordance with the Constitution of the United States and the statutes of the State of California, I believe that every law abiding adult citizen has the right to acquire, own, possess, use, keep and bear firearms. I refuse to take firearms from law abiding citizens and will not turn law abiding citizens into criminals by enforcing useless gun control legislation.

Accountability for senseless acts of violence committed by the *few* who use firearms to commit violent crimes like killing defenseless children, should not extend to the *majority* of law abiding citizens in America who don't victimize others. Even more despicable are those elected leaders who use these senseless acts of violence to promote their personal agenda by politicizing tragedy and exploiting the victims.

Instead of enacting more useless and unnecessary legislation restricting the rights and freedoms of law abiding citizens, our elected leaders should focus their efforts on the underlying problem. Addiction, mental illness and a complete erosion of traditional family values in our society are all contributing factors.

California has some of the strictest gun control laws in the nation yet we continue to take guns from criminals every day. The laws we enforce now have no effect on reducing gun violence or preventing criminals from obtaining and using firearms to commit crimes.



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We will continue to relentlessly pursue criminals, seek justice for victims, protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, protect the freedoms of responsible law abiding citizens and respect the Constitutional right of all people to liberty, equality and justice.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Christianson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ADAM CHRISTIANSON
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Stanislaus County