



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

Ed Kilgore, *Sheriff*  
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**To: Vice President Joe Biden**  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington DC 20501

**From: Sheriff Ed Kilgore**

**Re: Proposed Federal Firearm Regulation**

**Mr. Vice President,**

I know you have had other correspondence from sitting Sheriffs across the United States. I have been elected by the people of Humboldt County to keep them safe and to uphold the laws of our state. The very notion that enacting such new federal laws following a very emotional tragedy as a political platform is insulting and absurd. In Humboldt County, Nevada, we enjoy the freedoms that the United States Constitution allows each and every one of us. The fact that this current administration seeks to arbitrarily take away one of the very fundamental freedoms that we all are afforded strikes directly at the core of what we value as Americans. The Second Amendment is truly what Americans believe is the layer of security between them and government oppression. The right to bear arms afforded to law abiding Americans by the Second Amendment is exactly what this proposed regulation will be taking away from those who abide by it. This potential legislation will place all law abiding Americans in danger because they will not be able to protect themselves and it will play a major role in giving criminals an increased ability to prey on innocent civilians. In my opinion, this proposed legislation infringes on the rights of every American. I believe this to be unconstitutional. I also understand that the final say will be with the United States Supreme Court on this issue.

As such, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in Nevada will use my discretion and not enforce any new gun laws that may appear unconstitutional. The fact remains that banning particular firearms and restricting magazine capacities will not stop criminals from using firearms to do harm. The firearm is not the problem. There needs to be a concerted effort towards the mental health topic as it relates to firearms. I also believe that the issue of firearms should be addressed by each State in that State's legislature, as it is appropriate and applicable to each State singularly. You are on notice that my constituents and I will not assist in this attempt to strip previously given Constitutional rights away.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Handwritten signature of Ed Kilgore.

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