
Street Address

City / State / Zip

February 18, 2018

Dear _____,

I am a member of a community of faith. We strongly believe in the power of prayer, but are also able to recognize that prayer cannot erase the loss of life that happened in Parkland on Valentine's Day. We recognize that prayer has not stopped the countless deaths that have happened in schools, concerts, nightclubs, or churches like the one we gather in weekly. We recognize that prayer may not be more powerful than the influence of money from gun lobbies. We recognize that our prayers will not change the past, but can only help to create a better future.

While we recognize the limits of our prayers, we turn to our hope in humanity. We hope that our political leaders have grown tired of their constituents losing loved ones. We hope that our representatives can look past the influence of the gun lobby and look directly into the eyes of the families that these tragedies impact to make some real and lasting changes to our gun laws. We hope that none of our friends, families, neighbors or even total strangers have to live the nightmare that the families of the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School are living and will live with for the rest of their lives.

As we hang our future on hope, we must also now demand action in order to reach the future we envision. We demand real action now on our nation's gun laws. The Second Amendment opens with the words "well regulated", so we demand that you uphold our Constitution by creating laws to regulate the weapons that too many citizens have easy access to. We demand that we reinvest in our public education system and provide the resources to identify troubled children and guide them in becoming adults who are not only well educated, but can also manage their emotions and function in society. We demand real action now on mental health issues for those adults who were failed in the past by our education system. We demand real leadership, not thoughts and prayers, around these issues.

Most parents and teachers work very hard to protect our children, but know that there are limits to our roles. It is now in your hands to protect them, when we are not able to, by creating common sense gun control laws and reinvesting in our public education system. America should be so much better than these senseless shootings; do your part to *make* it better and prevent this unnecessary loss of life from happening again.

Sincerely,

Printed Name

Signed Name

Your Constituent