

The same people who showed up to protest the bill today and last year are the same people who showed up to sling insults at the participants of the Million Mom March held in Portland more than a decade ago. I remember them. The same arguments made then against expanding background checks to gun shows are made today against closing the Internet Loophole.

Statistics show that in closing the Gun Show Loophole, thousands of felons, domestic abusers, and seriously mentally ill people have been denied purchase.

Often, these dangerous people now are making more and more use of the internet gun sales, something not foreseen or predicted during the last update of the background check law.

When opponents of this bill aren't accusing everybody but themselves of being unpatriotic, when they aren't subtly hinting (what are they hinting?) by referring to "watering the tree of liberty," they oddly tack on a "well, it's not going to catch everyone, and how will it be enforced?" argument. I call it the "Big Give-Upsky" argument.

Therefore, while the bill cannot and will not catch every criminal, domestic abuser, or mentally ill person who wants a gun, it will make a serious dent into the increasingly wide-open Internet Gun Sale Loophole. Who doesn't want to seriously dent the ability of felons, the mentally ill, and domestic abusers from having guns? It's another failure argument from them – making the perfect an enemy of the possible.

As an aside, the NRA is living in a Neverland. The NRA just wants us to fund mental health care. Sure! that will solve everything! (not).

The US will sufficiently fund mental health care long, long after it provides funds to upgrade the United States' failing infrastructure, and even when bridges collapse in Minnesota, we haven't seen that.

Stop the criminals that you can. Close the Internet Gun Sale Loophole, increasing in size every day.

Thank you very much!

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