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Dear Mountain View City Council,

We strongly support the firearm reforms you are considering. If the federal government can't or won't curtail the proliferation of guns in our country and the immense suffering they inevitably cause, your municipal actions express and add to a growing momentum: we can at least protect ourselves, and hopefully it will catch on.

On the question of whether existing home gun stores and dangerously located retail sites should be "grandfathered" or "amortized," our opinion is influenced by having recently had our eyes opened about California's long-time assault weapon ban: even when expanded to ban "bullet-button" guns, this law leaves somewhere between 140,000 and 160,000 semi-automatic combat-style weapons in the personal home arsenals of Californians--grandfathered in. The law bans only on-going acquisitions: if someone owned a now-illegal weapon before the law passed, they are allowed to register and own it for the duration of their life. In terms of the country as a whole, a similarly constructed federal Assault Weapons Ban would leave an estimated 20 million weapons of war in the hands of civilians!

"Grandfathering" may sometimes be a merciful thing to do, sometimes a political necessity, but we need to first believe in the goal we are trying to accomplish.

Respectfully,
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From: [Anna Liess](#)
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Dear Mayor Ramirez and Members of City Council,
I am a resident of Mountain View since 2013 and work at the Mountain View branch of Palo Alto Medical Foundation as a primary care physician. I have two children in the Mountain View Whisman School District and am increasingly and urgently concerned about escalating gun violence in schools in this country. It feels more and more likely that our community will also face the horrifying gun violence we have seen in schools in other towns throughout the US. This year, I joined Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America because I hope to help make our communities safer for all of our kids. I want Mountain View to be a leader in taking further steps to prevent gun violence and, specifically, to keep our schools as safe as possible. I encourage you all to study and implement local measures that can help improve gun safety and reduce violence in our community.
Sincerely,
Anna Liess