

## **Ruger Takes a Stand to Protect Your Rights!**

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If you have been reading my articles, you already know just how important it is for us to write and call our representatives. In my previous article, "We Are Not The Problem – Now Let Them Know", I provided a link to email all of your representatives and a template of a letter you could use.

Well, Ruger Firearms has just taken that one step further!

From the Ruger Website:

*"Given the forces assembling against us, merely relying upon lobbying efforts is insufficient. Law-abiding firearms owners must stand up and be heard. This affects all of us, so we cannot stand idly by and rely upon others to fight on our behalf. Too much is at stake.*

*Step one: Please click on one of the buttons to the right for an easy way to tell your legislators you care about gun rights. The Take Action Now! button allows you to send a prepared email letter quickly and easily. The Find Your Representatives button has detailed contact information for each of your legislators so, if you prefer, you can call them or write them a more personal letter.*

*Step two: Get all your friends to help support our rights; ask them to click on the link and send letters too. Click here to email this web page to your friends.*

*More: Many elected officials have been looking for an opportunity to curtail our gun rights and think they can win now if they move quickly while emotions are high. In Washington D.C. and in state legislatures across the country, anti-gun forces are gathering and conspiring in an effort to pass bad legislation that goes beyond anything we have ever seen. At least one legislature is discussing making public the identity of all pistol permit holders, treatment typically reserved for convicted sex offenders.*

*Reality seems to be lost on these folks. Cities like Washington D.C. and Chicago, with some of the strictest gun laws on the books, are hotbeds of violent crime. Nationally, violent crime involving firearms has declined since the expiration of the Federal "assault weapons ban," while lawful ownership of firearms has increased. More lawful gun ownership, less crime.*

*To help your voice be heard, we have set up this special service on our website. By clicking on the Take Action Now! link, you can contact your legislators.*

*Please act now, before it's too late."*

Here is the body of the letter that will be sent automatically:

*Dear (Recipient),*

*I am a law-abiding citizen and responsible gun owner.*

*I am saddened by the tragic events in Newtown, Connecticut, but I believe that efforts to impose new restrictions on me and other lawful and responsible owners like me are misguided. Did you know that violent crime with firearms has declined since the Federal "assault weapons ban" expired in 2004?*

*Your focus should be on strengthening mental health care and improving the quality of data supporting NICS checks (National Instant Criminal Background Check System). Do NOT pass more gun laws; instead, work to enforce the more than 20,000 gun laws already on the books.*

*I am your constituent and I vote. Please represent me.*

*Sincerely, ( Your Contact Information)*

I can't stress enough how important this is and how easy Ruger is making it for us. This whole process to get your letters out will take you less time than it took you to read this article! Please visit the Ruger website and take five minutes to get your letters sent out. Then, forward this information to everyone that you know.

Stay safe,

- Joe