

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:34 AM
To: Donna Conkling
Subject: FW: Law restricting sale of guns

From: Emma Townsend
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:14 PM
To: Mayor
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Dear Mayor Hochvert,

My name is Emma Townsend, and I'm a junior at Scarsdale High School. I participated in the walkout this past Wednesday, which marked one month after the horrific shooting that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. As you may know, a student who used to attend our school is currently a student there. Thus my feelings about this issue are especially fervent.

I am emailing you to express my support for a law that would prevent gun retailers from opening within a certain distance of any schools, churches, or temples. Although such a law would not prevent all possibilities of gun violence in faculties such as schools, the proximity of access to weapons can make a difference between life and death. If there were a place near a school where a potential gunman in a sudden rage could buy a gun, he may make the impulsive and lethal decision to go buy one. However, if he knows he would have to wait a half hour, for example, before he can get his hands on a gun, he may decide he cannot wait that long to get one and give up. Another possibility could be that he is able to simmer down by the time he arrives at the store, allowing him to come to his senses and decide the risk of going to prison is not worth his idea of a twisted reward: unleashing his rage on a building full of children with lives ahead of them. Or perhaps if the man is suffering a psychotic break, he will return to reality within those thirty minutes.

I cannot vote yet, but I will be able to in less than a year and a half, and I will be voting for the candidate who supports gun regulation, whether the election is for mayor or president.

Please, Mayor Hochvert. You can make a difference between life and death. The future of Scarsdale—and of thousands of children—is in your hands. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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