



**FIREARMS  
POLICY  
COALITION**

June 9, 2022

Honorable Charles Schumer,  
Senate Majority Leader  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Mitch McConnell,  
Senate Minority Leader  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: Closed-Door Senate Gun Control Negotiations**  
**Position: Oppose**

Dear Senators Schumer, McConnell, and Honorable Members of the United States Senate,

I write to you today on behalf of the Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC), a non-profit organization that promotes maximal individual liberty and sound public policy through litigation, research, education, grassroots outreach, and direct advocacy. The purpose of this letter is to express FPC's firm opposition to any and all gun control measures being covertly negotiated by the U.S. Senate.

These measures—be they expansions of background checks, prohibitions on the ability of young adults to purchase firearms, red flag laws or grants therefor, or any number of other oppressive ideas—are not “compromise” measures; they are an abrogation of your duty to protect the fundamental rights of the people. Those rights are not negotiable.

The gun control package passed by the House of Representatives is an act of violence against the fundamental rights of the People. Should laws of this nature be adopted, they will result in the imprisonment, injury, and death of peaceable people. Given that our fundamental rights are beyond the purview of Congress to negotiate, even watered down versions of these concepts are unacceptable and dangerous.

The Senate is projecting that it can be a moderating force in the negotiations to abrogate the fundamental human liberties of its constituents. This approach ignores that

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the Senate has no power to negotiate inalienable rights. The actions of manifest evil, held up as the impetus for these proposals, do not—and cannot—invalidate the rights of peaceable individuals.

As the legislative assault on our fundamental rights—our very humanity—continues, respect for the institutions that craft these policies will erode in tandem. As the People suffer these abuses, facing an increasing threat of state violence and long stints in a government cage, their willingness to comply will also diminish. The functionality of our Republic, and the very concept of law and order, are imperiled by these intolerable actions. We pray you will recall your sworn duty to stand against such attacks against the People and reverse course.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [policy@fpchq.org](mailto:policy@fpchq.org) or 1215 K Street, 17th Fl., PMB 3003, Sacramento, CA 95814 or (916) 378-5785, if we can be of any assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Larosiere". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Matthew Larosiere, Policy Counsel