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"Fed-Up Mama"-Turned-U.S.-Senate Candidate Responds to White Settlement Church Shooting

Yesterday, Texans lost 9 people to guns. 2 of the victims were in their place of worship, honoring their God. We are so inoculated to gun violence in this country that, since this did not reach the threshold of 4 victims to qualify as a mass shooting, the story to come out is how by allowing guns in churches, the wannabe mass shooter was thwarted by the good guys with guns.

Cue the thoughts and prayers. That narrative overlooks the big picture and does nothing to prevent the next 40,000 gun deaths in the New Year.

This. Is. Not. Normal.

Let's be very clear. This is not normal. Only 1 other country in the world comes close to the U.S. in terms of gun violence. We lose about 40,000 people every year at the end of a barrel, with another 100,000 injured by guns. In one week, more people die in this country than in one year in nearly any other country in the world. We are such an outlier, that guns are the second-leading cause of death of our kids.

Why? Why us and not any other country in the world?

NRA-GOP Blood Pact

Republicans have made a calculated tradeoff with gunmakers- GOP political power in exchange for unfettered gun profits, paid for every year in the blood of 40,000 Americans. Let's be very clear. Cornyn and the rest of them have no intention of doing anything to prevent another Texan from dying. They offer their thoughts and prayers for two of yesterday's victims, and proceed with business as usual.

¡Basta!

No. More.

We are done sacrificing our constitutional rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to an illogical and historically inaccurate reading of the Second Amendment.

We no longer accept the NRA-GOP trade-off, at the expense of our ability to walk freely in our society, pray in our synagogues, mosques or churches, or shop at our Wal-Marts. We are going to stop teaching our kids how to play dead, and instead we are going to regulate the purchase, sale and ownership of guns like we do with any other item that can inflict massive human suffering.

Solutions Must Get Creative and Include Gun Liability Insurance



We must go beyond background checks, closing gun sale loopholes, and banning military-grade weapons like the AK-47 and bump stocks and update our solutions to reflect today's society.

Gunowners must carry liability insurance, similar to what we require of drivers. Insurance companies' entire business model is based on accurate risk assessment. Instead of externalizing the costs of these deaths, gunowners should have to pay for them.

Further, guns used in mass shootings have been purchased, and thus financed, by credit card companies. No more. Just like credit card companies track suspicious card activity, so should they track suspicious gun purchase patterns.

Make no mistake. There is a way to solve our gun violence epidemic. But until now, there just wasn't the will.

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