

Message:

The sitting president is filled with hate speech he routinely and continuously spills to his thirsty and adoring followers. He incites racism and intolerance and now in the wake of 20 people being slaughtered in my state, my home, my great Texas, where are my representatives? Where are you? Are you fighting for your constituents? Are you fighting against odds and the NRA to insure this never happens again in our Texas? The second time in how many months have you let this happen? You should be ashamed. To be owned by this president, by the NRAs dirty blood money. Every time you send a reply email to me and to those who write to you BEGGING for gun reform with a soft and condescending refusal you fill your hands with the blood of young and old brown black and white. We are Texans we are Americans and we are dying. In Walmarts and in churches in movie theaters at concerts in restaurants in schools were dying and our president laughs with white supremacists at his rallies and for all the world to see on his Twitter. What will you do? Will you stand up and fight for us for our state for our country for our lives? Or will you be voted out and left to be a stain in the history books; lessons taught in Texas Government classes about the cowardly complacent Lt. governor or congressman or senator or governor. Will you continue to be an embarrassment letting your people die in crowded places or will you support common sense gun laws? I hope you love this state and its beautiful diverse population as much as I do. I hope your position of power lets you seek an end to this hateful intolerance and injustice any way you can. I hope together we can end senseless gun violence.

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Message:

What are you going to do? 100 Texans in ten years dead to mass shootings. Your actions are required, your prayers are worthless. What are you doing to do?

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Message:

Since you are completely unfit to come up with any other idea than "thoughts and prayers," here are a few from a constituent who is absolutely done with this shit.

1) The monetary cost of mass shootings needs to be absorbed by the tax payers. This means medical coverage of those hurt, and therapy for everyone affected. It is absurd that you can be shot in a terrorist event and then become bankrupt from the medical bills. Until we are forced to pay for what we have let society become, this will continue to be kicked down the road.

2) Background checks on all weapon purchases and actual enforcement of the laws currently being ignored for fear of morons' "right to bear arms." It is too damn easy for insane people to get guns, and the guns that are available should be made for one purpose and that is hunting. Enforce regulation, and close down every damn pawn shop and store who does otherwise.

3) Regulate ammunition sales like it is heroin. You can own all the guns you want, but the bullets to kill people need to be locked away. If a person is forced to make their own bullets to pull this off, they will much more likely abandon the task or come to the realization that they are in fact a monster.

4) Stop with the thoughts and prayers. Even Jesus followed up with action. Do your damn job and keep your damn constituents safe.

If you are open to coming up with actual action, and actual legislation to combat these issues I welcome the discussion. If all you have to offer is thoughts and prayers be ready to find a new job come elections because you are not doing your damn job.

Sincerely, a tired pissed-off constituent.

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Message:

Mr. Abbott,

I am from El Paso.

I think it is fair to say as an elected official you have a responsibility to help prevent events like we experienced yesterday, from happening again anywhere.

I am asking you to work to help ban assault weapons in the United States.

I also ask that you loudly and publicly condemn racism and hatred.

Thank you,

Moeen Abedin



Message:

Please ban the AK47, assault weapons and weapons of battle from private citizens. When the founding fathers wrote the second amendment they had no idea such horrible weapons would be invented. How many more innocent people must die? How can any of us claim to be Christian and support such weapons of mass destruction. It totally contradicts Jesus teaching of love and peace. We cannot use mental illness as an excuse, there is no way to predict who will become mentally ill so please do the right thing and ban assault weapons and AK47 and other such mass weapons of war.

Also we need to stop allowing small dingy private stores from selling guns. Here in Houston such stores are robbed all the time and the guns get into the hands of criminals. Gun sales should be allowed only by licensed super secure facilities that will prevent break-ins and thieves. No law abiding citizen of the United States needs to fear background checks. We cannot have any more mass shootings. Please do not cave in to the NRA. This does not hurt the second amendment. If you are a normal mentally healthy citizen why should you fear background checks. No other country in the world deals with this epidemic of gun violence as we do in the USA. If you are pro-life how can you be against checks needed to reduce gun violence. This is also a matter of saving life. I generally vote Republican but I want Gun control. We need to ban Assault weapon and other weapons of war and we need more background checks and we need more controls on the sale of guns and weapons.

Please have the courage to do the right thing and ban assault weapons and weapons of war. No citizen needs it.

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Message:

There has been yet another mass shooting. This time in Texas by a white supremacist who drinks the MAGA koolaid and decided to shoot up a border town. Do NOT give us your "thoughts and prayers". Do NOT tell us that "this isn't the time for a discussion on gun control." Do NOT fail us AGAIN. Do your damn jobs! Speak up against Trump's racist, hate filled rhetoric that is radicalizing white males. Lead the charge to pass sensible gun reform legislation. This blood is on your hands as much as the shooters. These deaths are a result of your inaction. You are the pro life party? Then prove it. Otherwise, may God have mercy on you, because you are doing nothing to live up to your oaths or the ideals of this country.

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Message:

Had enough Cripple Abbott. You have blood in your hands today in El Paso. All the NRA crazies are now coming out of hiding due to idiot Trump and your support for chaos in Texas. Sensible gun control is the ONLY way to go. 2 guns per person max, one for self defense and one for sport, no automatics or semis or silencer. Gun registration and a full mandatory check on ALL gun purchases including gun shows no private gun sales. Try this your moron.

You idiot cripple and that lunatic Trump.

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Message:

Your comments about focusing on mental health in the wake of the El Paso shooting is ill-informed. Such shooters are sociopaths; they have personality disorders. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders informs us that such conditions are basically NOT treatable, especially because such persons are manipulative and have no consciences. Sounds like Trump, right? Also you Republicans have cut mental health spending. What hypocrites. Gun control is the way to go but you Republicans sold your souls to the NRA and gun manufacturers. You and Trump have the blood of these gun victims on your heads. Trump incited this violence. He is encouraging White Nationalism and hatred. Trump is a racist and deeply corrupt. You are enabling it all. Impeach Abbott, Trump, Barr, and Moscow Mitch.

I am a white college educated ex-Republican who is an absentee voter and I will never return to the Grand Old Party and never again split my ticket. The RNC needs to go the way of the Whigs and Tories. The RNC is beyond redemption.

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Message:

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Message:

You are a politician. Carrying out politics is your job. If all you want to do is think and pray, rather than actually taking action to protect the constituents you were elected to SERVE, then you should find a new job. Get over your obsession with guns and start focusing on the people of your state.

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Message:

My husband, Specialist Michael T. Allen, was stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas for many years. He served the country that he loves with passion. We may now live in Frisco, TX, but our hearts break for the community we were once a part of.

I am praying that you be granted wisdom in these coming days. Please take action in remembrance of those who lost their lives to this senseless act of gun violence. Please work across the aisle, love your neighbor as Jesus instructed us to do. It's imperative that our gun laws be reviewed and made better and stronger in an effort to keep our fellow Texans safe.

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Message:

You actually think there should be MORE guns owned by Texans (tweet, 2015)??

Looking forward to hearing your thoughts and prayers. Curious to see how much comfort your hollow words provide to the families of my fellow Texans who were massacred in El Paso today.

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Message:

Another mass shooting isn't all about mental health! Support sane gun control!!! The majority of Americans want it! And why should anyone have a weapon of war obtained legally or not???

I lived in Texas for many years and have a child born there which is why I'm writing.

Be a man and stand up to the NRA and Trump!!!

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Message:

Mr Abbot,

I have 2 questions for you. How do you sleep at night? Are you proud of your recent gun legislation? I suspect you sleep very well and are quite proud of your gun legislation. That is why I consider you a monster and complicit with the murders in ElPaso. Your solution to white supremicist murder is prayers. Really?



Message:

Please inform the News Media that if they release the Shooter's Name you will inform all Ohio citizens to boycott there outlets. That's because what these medical injured guys want is to "Go Down In History". If no-one get any mention, then others will finf=d other means to get their ned to be recorded in history - understand?



Message:

Please tel the News Media that anyone that releases the shooter's name will have the Governor tell all Texans to not watch their TV Station, listen to their radio station or buy their newsp[aper! That's what all these terrorists want "NAME mentioned and go down in history books!". Thus no Texas textbook shall be allowed to cite the Ell Paso Killer's Name. Absolutely positive that this will "Chore Off" almost all of these ego monsters.

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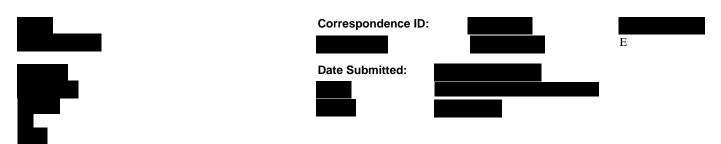
Message:

We need gun reform NOW. Open carry is the most terrifying and stupid law ever passed. We need to outlaw assault weapons and have STRICT background checks and more. None of that contradicts 2A! We have had SO MANY MASS SHOOTINGS in our state! Leadership that does not respond is leadership that needs to be unseated! NO MORE USELESS FAKE THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS! You are not magical! Pass effective legislation! Now, dammit!!!!!



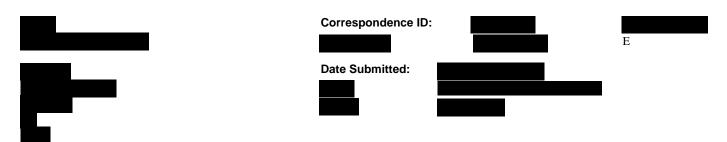
Message:

I'm watching you talk about the El Paso shooting and thinking...what the hell are you talking about? You're partly to blame for this crap. Crocodile tears and phoney compassion won't hide you and the republican party's duplicity in this incident. You are a broken and corrupt man. I know you don't believe in God, but he sees you. First your legs...next your soul.



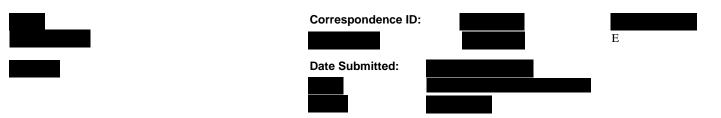
Message:

People are crying out for common sense gun legislation once again because not one, but TWO days in a row, America has experienced mass shootings, one of which was in Texas. Something needs to be done about America's gun problem and the increase in white nationalist terrorism. We need action immediately. If no action is taken at the federal level, action needs to be taken in the state.



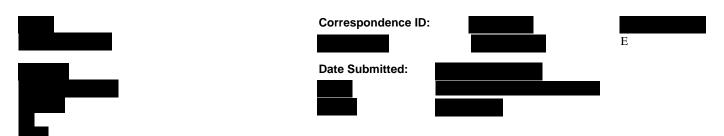
Message:

The El Paso massacre is the latest gift from the illegitimate (Ras)Putin/Trump Regime that your Quisling Party has lionized. The current occupant of the White House has put a target on the back of various minority groups. We are sitting on top of a volcano.



Message:

How can you look in the mirror and still support Trump and his mouth.



Message:

There are times when I'm absolutely ashamed to live in Texas. So we're #2 in gun sales. It's really not a competition. Sad that you're embarrassed.

So am I.

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Message:

I never thought I would write to convey my thoughts on how chickenshit the Governor of the State of Texas, but you have lowered the bar to a standard we can no longer tolerate. You gutless asshole! You praise 1st responders, you pray once again for innocent people being slaughtered, you hide behind the big money assholes who keep you in office, and you try to respond as if you really care! If you gave a damn you would address the problem and quit hiding behind the cloak of ultra-conservative donors who allow you to act as if you really had an ounce of integrity, which your record clearly indicates your actions are contrary to that self-righteous belief. You hang on to their coat tails and pretend to care. What a sad joke.

Stand up and be a leader. Quit trading lives of innocent people for the donations and support of NRA and the other ultra-conservative assholes who own you. You are gutless. I will pray for you, because you need it much more than those who have died on your watch. You are pathetic!

BTW- I have never written anything such as this, but you deserve it. Rest in HELL you pious jerk.



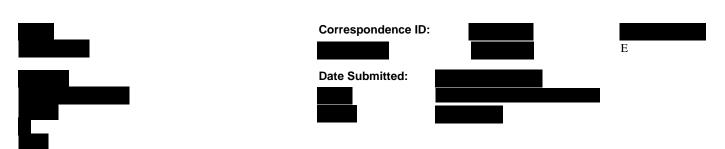
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I never mention things about how I am against illegal alien's on my blog or in public; because I would be labeled a racist and I am not a racist. I would speak publicly against illegal aliens and open borders in a political forum; but day has not come, and most likely will not happen. I sent the same type letters about illegal aliens (migrants) and how they are ruining our country; to the White House when Obama was in office.

It is insane to say someone is a racist because they are against letting people in our country illegally. When any anti-American or terrorist or person with a deadly decease, etcetera, etcetera, can cross our borders unchecked; that puts us all in danger and should be stopped with all of our government's power.

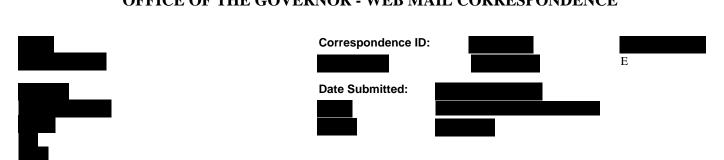
You can not understand the mind of someone that kill's innocent people like that maniac in El Paso. There is no explaining what a person is thinking or that mind set. No one is to blame except for that person; that let themselves become that far gone; mentally. Praying against that and for the people that suffer from senseless murders; is my best advice to everyone.

Yet people are so openly racist and viciously prejudice online in Facebook and Twitter and the internet in general. I still believe in free speech and the American Government since it's inception. We still need to fight prejudice and racism like we fight against terrorism.



Message:

You are wrong about guns. More guns mean more deaths. Look at the statistics. I bet you are spending today repeating trash about how sorry you are for the gun victims. Garbage. You aren't sorry. You pray to the Gun God. You are one of those sick politicians who think the NRA is a great organization. As long as you get your NRA money, you don't care. Have some dignity and admit you don't care. Stop lying. You are full of disdain for the lives of the little people.



Message:

Please stop using the lack of mental health treatment as an excuse for the mass shooting in El Paso and instead address the wide spread use of assault weapons that you and your fiscal support from the NRA continue to support. The young man who is responsible for the mass shooting could not have planned his assault and drove 9 hours from Dallas if he is mentally ill. Rather it is the condoned racism of the President, his advisers and Republicans like yourself who do not speak out about racism. Shame on you!!



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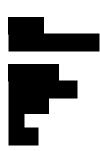
Hello,

I would like to know what legislative actions, if any, that Governor Abbott will be taking in light of the El Paso mass shooting. The 8th deadliest shooting in US history.

Although supporting the victims and their families is greatly important, it is only a bandaid to the larger issue of gun control if Governor Abbott does not take action.

As a Christian, I believe that prayer is incredibly important. But also, God works through us, the people, to help answer those prayers of solving these issues so we can show our love to our brothers and sisters by preventing mass deaths in our communities.

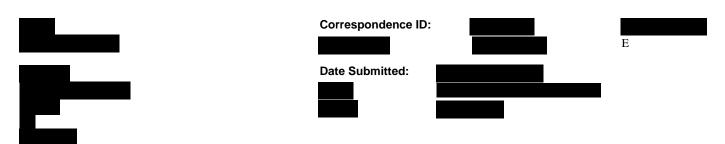
Thank you,





Message:

End Gun violence. We need stricter laws on the purchase of guns.



Message:

The recent shootings in El Paso and Ohio are heartbreaking and avoidable. It's time for you to support gun control. Texans are not safe, and we are looking to you to fix this. Outlaw assault-style weapons, implement universal background checks, and close loopholes. This is a real emergency. You have to act now to save lives.



Message:

Are you as embarrassed by the number of shootings in your state as you are about being #2 in gun sales? Just wondering.

This should hit a little closer to home for you bring that you're married to a Hispanic. Should she be a target because she's also counted amongst the Hispanics in Texas? That's exactly what happened in El Paso yesterday.

On Wednesday President Trump laughed when someone at his rally yelled 'shoot them!' after the President asked how do we stop illegal immigration.

You were silent. Now there's blood on your hands. Children that won't show up on the first day of school because they're dead. Parents and grandparents...dead. But you know who's not dead? The shooter. He apparently thought he was doing the President a favor.

What are YOU going to do about this in your state. Don't hide behind the second amendment either. No one wants all guns ripped from anyone's hands. There needs to be gun reform. Strict license requirements, background checks. Have everyone that buys a gun pay into E&O insurance yearly to cover the funeral costs of those that go rogue.

Maybe consider supporting Medicare expansion that includes mental health?



Message:

Governor Abbott,

In the matter of the El Paso shooting, by suspect 21 year-old Allen TX resident, Patrick Crusius:

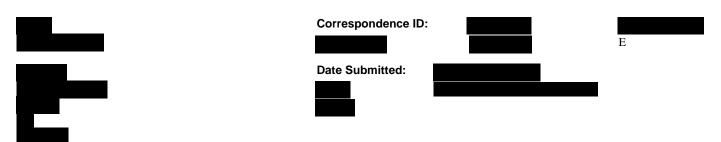
Please treat this methodically-planned, mass-shooting as an act of national terrorism. The death penalty (within the confines of the Texas legal system) would be a burden on Texas residents, and FBI-posted manifesto shows that Patrick Crusius was inspired by the Christchurch shooter, and he seeks media coverage.

Please execute Patrick Crusius expediently; outside of the standard Texas legal system. Patrick Crusius is a racially motivated terrorist. I would like to receive information on any distinction of this planned mass murder, and the Texas death penalty versus other state crimes that warrant the death penalty. Putting Patrick Crusius through the standard drawn-out legal system proceedings would only send a message of inspiration to others, in the same way Patrick Crusius was inspired.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,





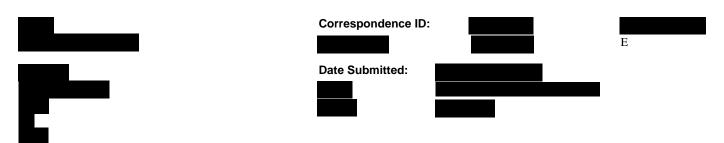
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It was a Walmart! Not a school, so what do hearings about school shootings have to do with what happened today?!

The shooter drove 8+ hours to commit a pre-meditated massacre! If he were brown or a Muslim you wouldn't be talking about a "mental health" issue, you would be talking about terrorism!

It's about the guns! They are the common denominator in ALL of these horrible incidents.

The Constitution does not require us to allow our children and loved ones to be slaughtered. It is time to change guns laws before more innocents die. We need change at the state level and change on the national level. It is time to act. Because your thoughts and prayers just aren't cutting it.



Message:

Will you condemn the presidents anti-immigrant rhetoric that is fueling white supremacy? At a recent rally, the president chuckled about shooting migrants and said you could away with it in the panhandle. According to the alleged manifesto of the white-supremacist El Paso shooter, he wanted to stop the "invasion" of immigrants and kill as many Mexicans as possible. So he went to the panhandle. Words matter. Who we vote for matters even more. Please advocate for ALL Texans and speak out against this vile, racist, and dangerous rhetoric. When you've done that, advocate for meaningful gun control.



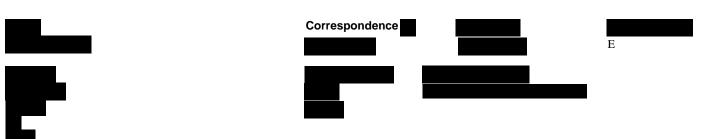
Message:

You and your staff have earned (yet another) round of applause from me -- especially for your handling of the El Paso Wal-Mart shooting. What a horrendous task you face, dealing not only with the incident, but also with public expressions after the incident. I frequently hear mention of you as I listen to WallBuilders in Aledo. Through all of your challenges, you've been doing a fantastic job. My greatest prayer, at this point, is that you will hold your ground against anti-gun activists in your state. Since I live in Missouri (I've lived in the Ozarks now for 5 years, after moving from the area south of Atlanta, GA), I am well aware of the interest in guns in our culture; sadly, I am also aware that there are many in our country who mistakenly believe that those guns should be taken from us and that we, in the future, should always be denied access to those guns. Help keep our citizens armed and happy! May God's blessings be on you all (or, speaking as a former Georgian: y'all) as you proceed with this latest crisis.



Message:

Hello governor, this is Ramon. I would like to say no law will ever prevent these crazy nuts insane people that love death. Mr. Trump my president has a solution, bring back the death penalty. We must start executing these evil people. We sent them to jail prison so they could be glorified by there inmate Brothers. And encourage others to do the same Slaughter that Patrick did in El Paso Texas. We must pray for these evil people before during and after their execution with the overwhelming evidence of their evil Deeds. Slaughtering children and up to senior citizens. I asked you my governor let's start fighting fire with fire. Let's seek and hunt those evil people down and execute them. That is my wish as a voting citizen of El Paso Texas. Thank you, Ramon.



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No one needs an assault rifle. Ban them now !!! After El Paso, you are done Abbot. Worst Govenor ever !!



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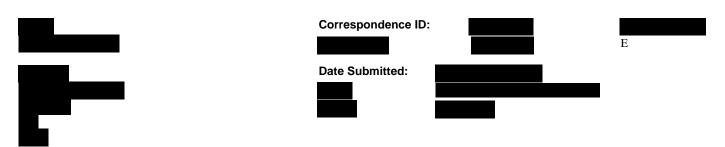
Show us TEXAS !

I don't want to hear, "oh he had a terrible childhood" "Oh he wet the bed into his teens" "Oh, his alcoholic Daddy beat him"

Do as you did in yesteryear ...

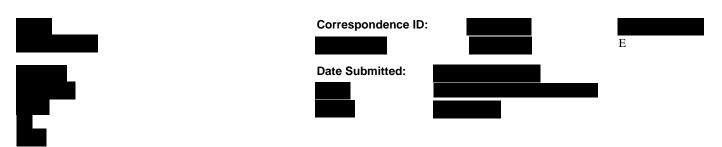
Treat him like a horse thief, like all the other criminals that the Texas Rangers handled, quick, efficient, and lawful. Stop these wackkadoodle asswholes.

Build the scaffold, and hang the bastard within days ! Screw the ACLU. Try him Wednesday and hang him in public on Thursday !



Message:

I am 68 year old retired teacher. I am shocked you avoided the rise in hate and hate crimes as a result of the hatred and racism being speed by the President. There is no question he is inflaming hatred and stirring up the ugly resurgence of racism. This man's manifesto is in front of you. Have the courage to stand up and denounce the most racist and threatening to our democracy president ever. Show your ideals as an American. I have never written something like this before. Please denounce this rise in racist thoughts. Our nation depends on it.



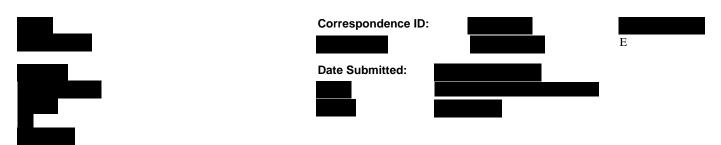
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Is there a body count that will make you act? Obviously Sandyhook and Columbine and Las Vegas and El Paso and Dayton or any of the 251 mass shooting incidents that have happened this year are not enough. What we get from you are thoughts and prayers. Apparently the millions you have gotten from the NRA have bought your silence and complicity in these atrocities! If you could please let us know how many people have to die for your donations and when we get to that number if we can expect legislation that will protect the people of this country from racist and white supremacists that your President has incited with his hate rhetoric. I eagerly await your form letter thanking me for my input.



Message:

Thank you, and your predecessors, for your support of gun rights. Please, address the need for every American to have access to military assault riffles. If Trump were to be overthrown by Soros our ability to execute mass killings would be over. Today a Walmart tomorrow the U.N. Please, extend our thoughts and prayers to the families of dead patriots. Invite the NRA to Texas. Invite the family members of these dead patriots to the convention. Sometimes the blood of citizens must water the tree of liberty. They didn't know they were patriots this morning but they do now. Jesus knows assault riffles will kill the infidels for his cuming. God bless the Lone Star State



Message:

Abbott once tweeted that he was "embarrassed" California was buying more guns than Texas. "Pick up the pace, Texans," he urged. Embarrassed is what I am do we have a governor who's a nitwit same as nitwit Trump. Get rid of military style weapons in civilian hands.



Message:

I am writing to ask you to address the epidemic of gun violence and mass shootings that are impacting the state and our country. There have 251 mass shootings in the United States in 2019, including yesterday's shootings in El Paso and in Dayton, OH. I am writing to ask you to consider and support common-sense legislative efforts, including: 1. Every gun sale in Texas should require a background check.

2. Military-style assault weapons should be reserved for our men and women in the armed forces.

3. People who have been convicted of domestic violence should not be allowed to legally possess guns.

4. People who are subject to a domestic violence or stalking order should not be allowed to possess guns for the length of the order.

5. Family members, partners and law enforcement should have the right to petition a court for a gun violence restraining order if someone poses a safety risk to themselves or others.

6. State law allowing weapons in city parks, day care centers and school zones should be repealed.

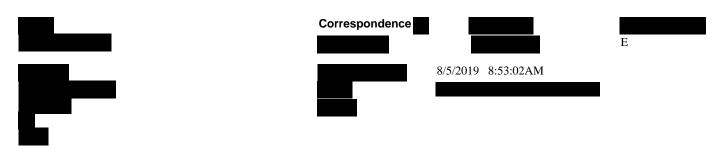
7. People who are considered criminals under federal law should be criminals under Texas' gun laws, too. 8. Bump stocks should be banned I am also asking you to vocally condemn the white supremacy which played a role in the El Paso shooter's decision. We cannot address gun violence in this country without confronting white supremacy, misogyny & violence and against women, and standing up against the gun lobby to protect our citizens.



Message:

Heres an idea: Lets have background checks! and no more open carry! and no more reliance on prayers to deal with domestic terrorism.

Take a strong stand against the racist message being spread by the current administration.



Message:

How come you didn't call out Donald Trump and his inspirational racist hate speech and rallies at your press conference?? Are you a racist like him? Do you agree with his encouragement of violence towards people of color and religions other than Christianity. WWJD? You are complicit in your support of this dangerous, hate mongering President. YOU ARE COMPLICIT!



Message:

As a proud El Pasoan, Im pleading with you. Make it stop! Tighter gun regulations need to be put in place.



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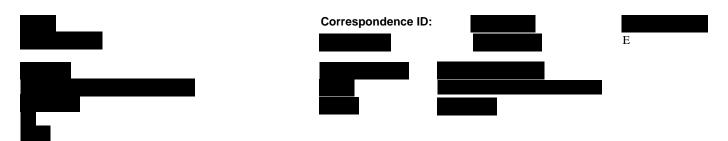
Where is the evidence that the El Paso shooter was mentally ill?

Where is the evidence that he played violent video games?

Where is the evidence that it is too soon to talk about the politics?

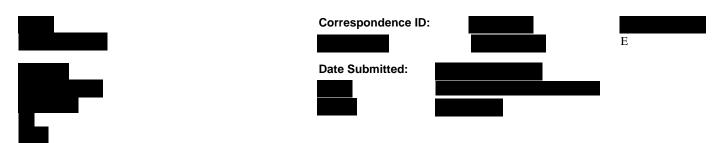
What we do see is evidence of you vetoing bills to put more restrictions on guns. You joked about Texans needing to buy more guns than Californians. You protect the right to buy more guns yet do nothing to protect us from being killed by those with guns.

You need to do something. Anything. Enough is enough. How many more have to die?



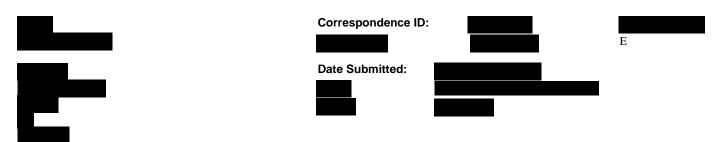
Message:

You and your words are a joke. Your support for weapons of war on the streets of Texas truly shows what you really think of the citizens of Texas. How many more citizens must die on the streets of your state before you do something to protect them?



Message:

It is past time for you and the GOP to stand up for our freedom and civil liberties. We have the right to be in public spaces and not be shot at and not be asked to defend ourselves as if we are in war. Pass legislation! Stop deregulating things that are killing your constituents. Make it harder to own a gun that should be in a soldiers hands not a hobbyists hands. This reign of terrorism from white supremacists is going to get worse with your inaction. You work for us NOT the gun industry.



Message:

Hi Govenor,

Do you think this disaster would have happened if half of the people in the Walmart were armed ,with just the right to carry exposed? I do not think he would have made an entrance.

Thanks,



Message:

Governor

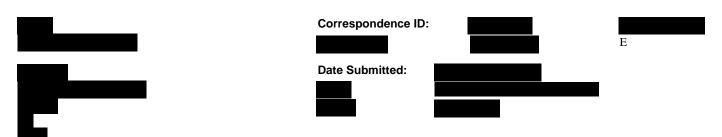
Good morning

I have decades of experience with non conventional technology. Just by looking at the shooting event I can say that there were others involved in this crime. The longer that leads are not investigated the greater the chance that these criminals will escape justice. Greg after the shooting outside of San Antonio I wanted to get involved but decided to let our government do their job. They failed us.

I am willing to work with the Texas Department of Public Safety to go after others who were involved. Saying anything in public will only give these criminals what they want and will destroy leads. I am there for the people of Texas.

God Bless





Message:

You must fulfill your responsibility to create a safe environment for all US citizens and those who are not here in Texas. We African Americans and Mexican Americans are human beings. We deserve to be just as safe as white people. Global Majority people are no longer safe on the US. The Republican Party and Evangelical folks must start to speak up.

You should be the first!

Will you stand up? We need your moral leadership.



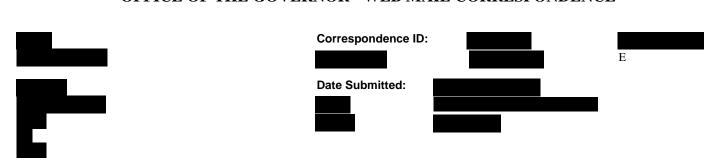
Message:

The blood of the victims in the El Paso shooting is on YOUR hands. Pass sensible gun laws NOW. Ban automatic weapons of war. I do not care about your bullshit NRA rating. Keep your prayers to save your own selfish, misguided souls.



Message:

When are you going to do something about this gun violence? This had got to stop!



Message:

Please do something to stop this gun violence. Saying we need to defend ourselves with more guns is stupid. More lives are being lost, literally, every da,y due to YOU not using your elected power and protecting the people. Do your job or we will find another person who will.



Message:

Dear Governor Abbott,

I'm not from Texas, but I am a concerned US citizen. During the last three years, I have become disheartened as our "America the Beautiful" has devolved into "America the Ugly."

Your prayers for the victims and their families in El Paso (a beautiful city with beautiful people) are nice, but they are also meaningless. When are you and other prominent Republicans going to come out and name Trump and his tweets as the instigator of this wave of race-based and religious-based violence sweeping our country?

If you refuse to stand up to and call out Trump for his hateful racism, then you are also part of the problem. Unfortunately, it might be too late to repress this conservative-fueled wave of hate. Even if Trump is voted out or kicked out of office, his violent conservative followers could continue their wave of domestic terrorism.

Stand up now, before our country descends into an ugly fascist state.

Sincerely,





Message:

Governor Abbott:

How many of the victims in the horrific shooting in El Paso were armed for their own protection.

I'll venture a guess of zero. Fish in a barrel is what we are without Constitutional carry inactted in Texas.

From the beginning with Reagan in Calif. restricting carrying rifles by BLK Panthers till now gun control restrictions have not acheived the desired results. (AND NEVER WILL)

When confronted with death these crazies wilt and run away or give up.

We as citizens of Texas deserve the right of self protection and life. Constitutional Carry insures we can make our own decisions on our own safety.

Thank you and let us protect ourselves.



Message:

It is legal to open carry a long firearm (rifle) in Texas without a license. -- NO state permit required to purchase

- -- NO firearm registration
- -- NO owner license required
- -- NO assault weapon law
- -- NO magazine capacity restriction

-- NO background check required for private sales Someone could walk into a Walmart with an AK-47 on their shoulder and people wont call the police thanks to your law. But, for some reason open carry is not allowed in your offices. Sounds fair.



Message:

Another horrific mass shooting in our state on your watch. Do something about it.



Message:

Bring the legislature into special session and pass common sense gun legislation. Stop blaming it on mental health; its the guns. If a person has mental health issues and does not have a gun, minimal damage will occur. If a person has mental health issues AND a gun, serious damage can occur. Don't we have enough recent examples to get you to address this.

Stop being a pawn of the NRA; Start leading Texas.

Remember, its difficult to quickly kill 20 people without a gun.

Do you have the courage to lead? Prove it.

Message:

Enough is enough. Gun violence by white supremacists is out of control. It's time to pass tough laws on gun control and to ban all forms of assault-type rifles. Stop the madness of mass killings. Do your job. Protect those you are sworn to represent.

Message:

I don not care if he gets the death penalty, your silence on white terrorism, rational gun control is unforgivable ! Killing a person who killed 20 people will never justify your stand and neglect of all of us! Cathy Boyle RN

Message:

Governor Abbott - what will it take until we act to stop these shootings? We need universal background checks ... We need red flag laws ... We need to limit the capacity of magazines ... And we need a renewed assault weapons ban. Please.

Message:

Governor Abbott -

What are you and your colleagues in Texas going to do to confront violent white supremacist terrorism? What are you going to do about restricting sales of high capacity weapons? Your lack of action and your love of firearms is partly to blame for the tragedy in El Paso (and Sutherland Springs and Santa Fe). As your constituent, I expect you to stop sitting on your hands and do your job. It's time.

Message:

I would like to see some action about my fellow Texans being slaughtered due to gun violence.

I appreciate you signing the budget with \$1 million for safe storage. I hope DPS is already starting.

Will you please reconvene the task force that you put together on school violence, and make it about general gun violence, bringing experts with proven solutions to the table. I would be happy to serve on it. I am the former director of Texas Gun Sense.

It's time to find policies that actually address gun access. Please show courage and willingness to do this - it's the right thing to do. This is what Texans want. We can do this and still respect the 2A and keep gun owners happy.

Please help.

Thank you,

Message:

The recent shooting in El Paso and recent arrest of a man in Lubbock with plans for a mass shooting should be a sign that more resources should be available for mental health, bullying, and gun control. I have grown up around guns my entire life and was raised to respect their deadly nature. The problem comes with lax laws that allow firearms to be bought to/from strangers without background checks at a gun shows, a poorly vetted background check, and a poorly updated list to which could flag concerns to firearm dealers of potential concerns for the gun sale.

The other concern is that of mental health. Most of the shooters in the US have shown symptoms of a mental health diagnosis or a personality disorder. These shootings have caused fear in the public about those with mental illness. We must better educate and end the stigma associated with mental health.

Thirdly, our education programs should be helping children not only about regular school topics, but also how to care for their mental health. Most of these shooters have terrible upbringings, are bullied and taught to believe they dont matter. This then makes them the loner.

Please take the time to find a solution to help end these tragic events. I am a proud Texan and would love to see our state make waves in this area.

Message:

PLEASE, PLEASE speak out against the hate spewing from Donald Trump. Enough is enough. You are better than this, Gov. Abbott.

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott,

As I sit here in my home watching your press conference about the deadly Walmart shooting today, I write to you with a heavy heart. Time after time, these killers are given media coverage that inspire other mentally ill outcasts to copy these heinous acts, gaining fame and notoriety in the process. That's preciously what they thrive on! Without an audience, I predict much less violence will plague our communities. I pray that you and other Governors will make it a priority to lead a coalition to appeal to all types of media outlets to greatly reduce their coverage of the perpetrators. I am sick and tired of seeing these coward's faces plastered on TV and giving them the desired outlet for their so called grievances! This is an urgent call to action. Please help curb this epidemic of violence in our country.

Sincerely,

Message:

19 DEAD AND AT LAST 22 IN THE HOSPITAL!!!! NO, WE DONT NEED GUN CONTROL....WHEN ARE POLITITIANS GOING TO WAKE UP!!!! REPORTED248 MASS SHOOTINGS IN THE USA THIS YEAR!!!! LETS DO SOMETHING!!!

Message:

Howdy Govnah!

Hey, I just read that you feel the slaughter in El Paso "wasn't Texan."

Hahahahahahaha--really?

Which Texas do you live in?

Texans are pigs--feral pigs. An infestation of vermin.

This is your president's and your party's doing.

Ugly, ain't it?

It's all yours, Govnah.

Message:

(Sent to the President on 8/5/19 via www.whitehouse.gov/contact/)

Dear President Trump,

All of us in America are appalled by the carnage which occurred yesterday when two young boys killed 31 people in under one minute in one case and 30 seconds in another case. This could not have been accomplished with any other weapon other than an assault rifle. I hope you will back the many people in Congress to ban assault weapons despite pressure from the NRA and other gun rights groups.

Blaming this carnage on video games is a red herring and, yes, we have a mental health issue in the US as we do in other countries, but these countries don't have the violence which is occurring in our country today.

Please do the right thing and ban assault weapons immediately. I am sending copies of this email to the governors of Nevada, Texas, and Florida which are among the 42 states that currently allow the legal sale of assault weapons.

Sincerely,

Message:

This weekend, more Americans were killed by senseless, preventable gun violence. Your constituents, including myself, would like to see your leadership in passing gun safety legislation that saves lives. Thank you for your time.

Message:

Dear Sir,

You were an embarrassment to the MAJORITY of people in the state of Texas today in your briefing which was aired nationally. Blaming shootings on mental issues is not a solution. 20 people died for what? The blood is on your hands. Who needs an AK47 for every day life? Are you going to kill a deer with an AK47? You once lauded Texans for not buying enough guns... we have all seen it and it's disgusting. You should be ashamed of yourselfl

Message:

Your policy of putting a gun in everyones hand is a failure. It is time to change your position. 5 massacres in Texas in 2 years time, in every corner of the state. DO SOMETHING PRODUCTIVE! Texas could lead the way on this if you would just act for the safety of those you represent. PLEASE!

Message:

We must have sensible gun laws and thorough background checks when purchasing guns.



Message:

I would like to be free from fear of being shot while shopping or going to a movie or going on vacation or going to work or going to school. Gun reform is needed NOW. Do your job and protect American men women and children.

Message:

The sheer number of mass shootings taking place in the state of Texas and our great country, keep us from being able to stop and properly mourn the victims of these tragedies because immediate action must be taken. It is up to state and federal leaders to take action and take action now in order to prevent this slaughter from occurring again. It is time for you to act on the behalf of all of your constituents regardless of party affiliation, ethnicity or religion. Be the one who makes a difference.

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Message:

The Governor needs to stand up and call this tragedy in El Paso what it is, a hate crime by a white supremacist.

You are a coward at least our Congress Women had the courage

Message:

Dear Mr. Abbott -

What exactly have you done for Texans between the Sutherland Springs shooting and now the El Paso shooting? MAYBE DO SOMETHING ABOUT GUNS YOU BIG FRIGGIN' GENIUS.

Message:

Mr. Abbott,

Two months ago you signed ten bills supporting NRA agenda into law. Supporting this legislation, and the NRA, make you an enabler to today's horrific events in El Paso. You are part if the problem, not the solution.

While I know this action is despicable to you too, your support of NRA agenda makes you guilty too. You have a little of the blood of twenty people on your hands now. Is that worth the million dollar donation by the NRA to the Texas Gun Sports Association? Is it worth it for you to get re-elected?

You said, on air, that this is not Texas, but it is. You have had three mass shootings in about as many years. While I no longer live in Texas, I lived there much of my life.

Doing lip service to the cameras in the immediate aftermath of this tragedy is shallow and hollow. Your actions betray what you really think, and it seems that you think the NRA, and their interests, supersede your concern for assuring the safety of your constituents. None of those ten bills needed to be signed, but you signed them. YOU SIGNED THEM!!



Message:

El Paso, another tragedy. I think it sits squarely in the hands of the leaders of the state, you and the Texas legislature and your Continued lack of interest, and effort to try to protect the citizens of Texas against people who clearly should not have guns. I don't want the hunters guns, I don't want the guns of the citizens who feel they need them to protect themselves. But really, Doing nothing is NOT making us safe. Fight the NRA and get some guts and act

Message:

I no longer live in Texas. All three of my children were born in Austin and I earned my doctoral degree At UT. I care about Texas. And I mourn for El Paso. You sir are a wimp. Why won't you stand up for reasonable gun control laws. Background checks no semi automatics and multiple round clips. Do you really care or is the political money just too juicy.

Message:

We MUST ensure safe and secure elections by replacing outdated machines.

Message:

Dear Governor Greg,

My heart goes out to you and to your entire state on this sad day. I am so glad professionals like you are out there giving comfort and dealing with families and loved ones.

God Bless you all and give comfort to the Victims Families.



Message:

You should be fucking ashamed of yourself.

Message:

I guess more guns aren't the answer. When will the NRA influence on those of you for sale end so that these mass murders end.

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott:

Given the horrific events of this weekend, both in Texas and Ohio, and the numerous mass shootings of the past years, I wanted to emphasize to you and your office that HATE is not a mental illness. The assaults and crimes committed in the name of HATE fall in the category of crimes of passion, which are in the most instances prosecuted as such. Yes, I agree with you that our state and country need to focus more on mental illness. It is an issue and in some instances does contribute to the crimes we see. The solution to this epidemic of mass shootings and massacres is multifactorial; most will take a long time to address but an immediate action to curtail this epidemic is stricter, common sense gun laws. I revere our Constitution, and I know that the rights guaranteed by it are not ABSOLUTE. They must always be weighed by the good of the country and its citizenship. There is absolutely NO justification, NONE, for not pursuing reasonable gun control laws. NONE. Respectfully,

Message:

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Message:

I have watched the mass shootings on U-Tube today, Guess who's fault it is? The State of Texas and it's ignorant incompetent gun restrictive laws. It took six minutes for the police to respond. If one or several sane gun owners were carrying that shooter could have been stopped in seconds. How many lives would that have saved? The United States Supreme court has ruled that your rights travel with you, even across state lines. The second amendment is a federally guaranteed right. I live in Arizona, a true second amendment state. No permit or license required, why because no federally guaranteed right is required to be licensed. Show me in the U.S. Constitution where the Congress has the written authority to pass an act to amend the constitution. Gee it does not exist. Read the tenth Amendment, it guarantees the second amendment. Individual states have no authority to amend the second amendment. One of the primary purposes for the second amendment is to prevent tyrannical government and another is self defense where ever you are in this country. Do you honestly believe that gun man would have started shooting if half the people in Wal-Mart were armed? Laws never prevent crime they define what the crime is. Permits and licenses are made of paper and can never stop a bullet. I believe I personally could have taken out that shooter from 200 feet with a pistol by my right of self defense and the right to defend others. Many years a go a man named Owen Ford, director of the Northern Arizona Highway Patrol. said any one that shoots as fast and accurate as you I want on my side of the badge. At 71 I'm still pretty good. I have asked President Trump to declare a national right to carry and scrap all of these individual restrictive state gun laws. I need the same ability to protect my self when traveling as I do sitting at home. Law enforcement need to get used to the fact that the right to carry is guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution. We are first United States Citizens and then we are residents of the state we reside in. The entire state of Texas can take responsibility for all of those victims. Get rid of your restrictive gun laws and mass shooting will end very shortly after they begin. It has never taken me six minutes to draw and fire. Owen Ford watched me put two bullets in the same hole at 75 feet.

Message:

Governor,

I read that you made pro NRA comments of comments suggesting that the need for stricter gun control was not the issue.

If this is true. I would respectfully say that you are a fucking idiot.

If I am mistaken about your position, I would like to apologize for this over the top language/expletive.

We've held enough memorials. Action on this issue is long overdue.?

Message:

I am a gun owner. I am a state champion in cowboy action shooting and have completed on the national level. And I am for gun regulations.

Today's tragedy is the latest in a series of too many. It is time to protect our people and our children by enacting reasonable responsible gun ownership laws.

Please do more than send your thoughts and prayers. We deserve more, we deserve action on your part.



Message:

I live at Lake Eufaula, Oklahoma. I take care of my 84 year old Mother. My 61 year old sister with severe Scoliosis. And my Brother in-law who has seizures. I have never been more blessed to care for my family. Even caring for my Father for 15 years until his death. I'm a proud American from a little town Granite City Illinois. I was blessed with good family values. Faith in spirit. And a good strong back. I was chosen by God to be humble in my life and ask for nothing. Because my family is so precious to me. I never want for anything

I'm Blessed. And I now pray that the Father Son and the Holy Ghost brings peace to your time of need in this tragic event. We are strong in love and family and faith. That is why they call us the U.S. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS TEXAS



Message:

Mr. Abbott, You will see they get through this tragedy. Your a strong Govenor with a Heart as big and as beautiful as the people you love. We love you and your Awesome people of Texas. God bless you and your family. And the great state of Texas. Sincerely Ms.

Message:

Enough is enough. How many more Americans, including your Texas constituents have to die? How many more children have to be murdered?? We need common sense gun reform regulation on high capacity automatic weapons. We cannot wait! Give back the blood money youve taken from domestic terrorist organization, the NRA. There are lives at stake and you do NOTHING! No more thoughts & prayers! Take action!

Message:

Ethical behavior - you recently said the shooting in El Paseo is a mental health issue.

The shooter was targeting Hispanics. That sounds like a racist issue. Trump continues to blow his dog whistle to incite racists, white nationalist, KKK and the like. The more whites try to deny what Trump has done to this country the more racist will continue to grow. Race was the cause of the civil war - whites wanted to keep their subhuman slaves of color. Racism almost destroyed this country and unless someone puts a stop to it - the racists will succeed with help from Trump and politicians who continue to deny the white nationalism movement. Study history, more specifically study the behavior of Hitler and the Germans total blindness to follow him. You say racism is a mental health issue - you are right, a mental health issue that will destroy America. Watch Trump's rallies when he talks about an invasion of brown people. Hitler talked about the invasion of Jews. History will repeat itself.

Message:

I am waiting to hear information about Walmart's security guards

No one to stop a person carrying a rifle from entering the store

Walmart needs to be raked over the coals

All such stored and malls need knowledgeable security guards at entrances

What does it take for this common sense action to become a standard requirement

Message:

To Governor Abbot, The usual reaction for mass shootings is careless politicians give us 'feel good' answers that fail. Like Yourself and Texans, i'm disgusted at the sickness from a moral decay in our Nation. I suggest your State's agency licensing firearms to pre-screen Texans able to conceal carry and offer class locations, fingerprint cards and application with the idea the right Citizens could stop or shorten time a killer has, and send him to the Lord for the real trial. One detail is to request concealed holders to learn the twice monthly "verification word" needing a online i.d. and password, if they participate in a samaritan act engaging a shooter. In the confusion of a shooting crime, holders know each other, avoiding friendly fire, yelling the bimonthly 'word' to other gun holders and stopping the shooter! I am able to carry concealed here but in CA, a good samaritan could be civil sued and could lose everything and maybe my freedom.? I would guess this could work IF Texans and non residents acting in good faith would not be sued when only the killer is stopped and the samaritan who's not a peace Officer, is exempt from 99.9% of lawsuits! A annual target practice scoring a pass score could be a reasonable requirement where a range Instructor evaluates eyesight, and safe handling of their gun, keeps their holders permit. The government taking our guns would take decades in the US to confiscate, why not advocate highest-best use of good Texans gun rights? Don't cave in to liberal media's pressure to talk poorly of a gun, which is a machine. It's still the holders mind with a gun that matters.

Message:

I am a former resident of Houston. Is your response to the horrific shooting in El Paso going to be calling Texans to buy more guns? Do you really believe it happened because there are not enough guns in Texas? Do you ever look at gun death statistics of other democratic countries? Would you support President Trump's call for better background check for gun buyers? Or you are waiting to see if NRA will oppose it?

Message:

Another mass shooting, this time in El Paso, Texas. My heart goes out to the victims and their families and friends and the entire El Paso Community.

Reports, though early, say a semi-automatic weapon was used. So my ire, my disgust and my rage goes out to every single person in power who has not made one proposal to help curb these events. Who has not written one legislative bill, or stood up to advocate and bring attention to this slaughtering of human beings; not one single damn thing you have done.

It is past time to do something. Please notice this is NOT Antifia - it's WHITE SUPREMACY. You have spent all this time trying to build a wall; however, the risk are already on 'our side' of said wall and they are home-grown domestic terrorist.

I will continue to hound each of you through letters, phone calls and showing up at your damn door. You can't ignore me forever. In fact, you can't ignore US forever!

Message:

Bill Clinton banned assault weapons in 1994, & mass shooting deaths declined by 43%. Republicans purposely let the bill expire in 2004, and as a result mass shootings increased 239%.

On YOUR watch. #GunControlNow #ImpeachTrump #WhiteSupremacistTerrorism

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott,

First, I am so sorry about the recent El Paso tragedy. It is something that no one should ever have to suffer. As sad as I am about this shooting, I'm also outraged that it happened in the first place. When Columbine happened the country was stunned and shocked, but since mass shootings have happened time and time again, states like Texas with lax gun laws need to start taking ownership. I'm proud of the measures that were taken in New York after the Sandy Hook shooting in Connecticut. Why didn't Texas tighten up the laws to make it more difficult for an evil person to purchase an assault style weapon legally? Why weren't certain measures put into place? The gun laws of Texas are far too lax to rely on prayers alone to keep your citizens safe. Although I'm a resident of New York, I travel each summer with my family. We have the goal to vacation in all 50 states. Texas is a place we have wanted to visit for a long time but we haven't visited for fear of our safety because of your lax gun laws. So, I want to know, what actions will you take to ensure this never happens again in your state? Those people did not deserve to die that way in El Paso. They deserved protection. You failed them by allowing your state's system to fail them. At the very least, please do not their deaths be in vain. Stand up for them now and show them (show the world while it is paying attention) that lives matter more than guns.

Sincerely and brokenheartedly,

Message:

Once again another mass shooting has happened. And once again you have made a statement saying that now is not the time for politics, but it's the time for arranging memorials. Damn you! If you had focused on politics and fixing this broken system we live in, then those innocent 20 people could still be alive. You are a coward for not addressing this issue. When is the time to discuss gun control? Because at the rate we are seeing these mass shootings, we'll barely have time for the memorials themselves. Shame on you, Mr. Abbott.

Message:

Their blood is on your hands. Do something. No more thoughts and prayers. Domestic terrorism will kill us all while the Republican party huddles its corpse around the 2nd ammendment to protect it amidst a crowd of childrens' bodies. Do. Something. I know I can't vote for you, and you're not up for reelection until 2022, but I will give up everything I love to fund your opponent in your next election if you do not reform.

Message:

Please take a position against weapon of war......please

Message:

I am very concerned about the shooting in El Paso. We need to stop giving weapons to wachos. We need to straighten out the justice system now. Jim craighead

Message:

Gov. Abbott:

It's the guns and the hate. Texas is overarmed. The white supremacists are inspired by the awful person in the White House.

You have encouraged more guns. You should resign in shame. Period.



Message:

Really? The best you can do is sympathy with victims, just like you said in Santa Fe and will no doubt say again in another Texas city. How about you be bold and say never again in Texas because we will ban assault rifles and have other gun controls? You disappoint me so much in your political cowardice.

Message:

Thank you Gov. Abbott for signing the lose gun laws this pass session. To see you on tv is very sad acting like you don't understand why this happened. You held a summit and didn't invite the Mayor of Houston, Chief of Police in Houston and the Interim Superintendent of Houston ISD. Stay away and let these families mourn in peace. Stop giving into the NRA and ban assault weapons. This is the United States of America. I am praying for you and the rest of America this killing has to stop.

Message:

Governor,

Watching you now on CNN and thank you for hugs and love, but what will you do about the easy access to guns? You are now asking Texans to unite. Unite to do what? Grieve as we have done with every other mass shooting. El Paso is just another mass shooting. And yes, you will not be defined by this horror, but only because these shootings and El Paso has become a foot note. DO SOMETHING ABOUT GUN CONTROL NOW!!!!!

Message:

Gregg Abbott

Dear Sir,

as a Republican, you are complicit in this senseless death. White Nationalist Terrorists are destroying our country. You need to stand up for what is right. And was is right, sir, is for you to immediately denounce this president and call for his impeachment. Or else, at the very least, you'll be looking at more news conferences where you will have to answer for more shootings All My Best,

Message:

Too many people are dying due to senseless gun violence. The time has come to do something other than send thoughts and prayers to the victim's families and friends. Please create legislation that limits functioning multiple magazine, high-capacity weapons from being sold.

More and more parents are fearful of sending kids back to school or attending public events- this is not the kind of country or state we want to live in. I don't believe that the money the gun manufacturers, NRA, etc give to those in powerful positions to vote a certain way is worth more than the lives of people living here in Texas. I don't think you do either. Please, please create new gun safety legislation and background checks in our state. Let us be an example to the rest of the country of how to unite both parties and create legislation that protects the vulnerable in our communities and shows we value life more than money.



I have numerous family members throughout Texas. I Just saw your interview on KTSM, and your failure to mention that along with mental illness, the glaring lack of GUN CONTROL and the ease of GUN ACCESSIBILITY to all people including mentally ill persons CANNOT be denied as a primary cause of the death of your states innocent citizens.

Message:

How many more Texans have to die before you stop paying homage to the NRA and take meaningful action on gun control? It is no wonder you are losing the support of lifelong Republicans like myself.

When the school shooting occurred, your solution was to have more exits. I was so disgusted by such blindness to the real issue then, and now here we are again with another mass shooting with an assault weapon. Mr. Governor, we need leadership on this serious issue, and we are not getting it from you. I cannot support this party with such a blind spot toward guns.

Message:

To: Governor Gregg Abbott August 5, 2019 I was not able to look at the news for the past few days due to my own crises. I just today saw the El Paso shooting news. I am very sorry that this shooting happened. It is certainly a terrible tragedy. I do not have any information yet as to who might have been involved in planning it. No signs were given to me. I will be especially aware for the next few days to see if any information appears. I was given a few signs about the Garlic Festival - as I knew about the Garlic Festival from my childhood as a native of California. There may be a group who is overall coordinating these shootings. My own circumstances are not too good. I am still homeless and stay on a sidewalk at night. I have a small amount of social security but that is all. I am negotiating to receive a compensation settlement that the Koch Brothers (David Koch) owe me as a result of their military experiments that harmed civilians. I was gold I was owed \$10 million dollars and I have been asking for it for almost a year. I am not being given the money although I will still negotiate for it.

I will let you know if I have any further messages on the shootings. I am devastated by this shooting and very unhappy that this harm happened in Texas.

Message:

Greetings, Governor Abbott,

I am sure you re receiving quite a bit of email regarding the shootings that occurred today, August 4, 2019, and while I am not sure if one more voice matters to those who make decisions regarding gun control, speaking up matters to me. On behalf of myself and my family, I respectfully ask that you please, please do whatever it takes to enact gun control in our state. I am not sure why people think this is going to stop, and that is frustrating enough. Those who have such terrible intentions are only just getting started, and the attention alone is likely to make more people decide that this is the way to "be somebody." We must stop giving these people the attention they seek, and we have to prevent them from even being able to purchase guns, much less assault rifles. We have to quit thinking these are just isolated events, and people who do sell guns to individuals who ultimately commit such crimes should have some sort of liability as well. That may sound harsh, but it's not nearly as harsh as 30 people losing their lives in one day due to gun violence.

Let our voices be strong with unity and an absolute intolerance of these mass shootings. You are the culmination of those voices; please, please stand up for our state and protect our citizens. You are our first line of defense, and we are counting on you to keep us safe. Blaming this on mental health issues will never solve the problem; that is a factor, but only as a gateway. It is not the primary underlying reason for gun violence.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Kindly,

Message:

My heart breaks for the people of El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH. Once again, our nation is confronted with not just one, but two, mass shootings in less than 24 hours. This should not be normal. Even if you believe that the 2nd Amendment grants citizens the unrestricted right to own firearms, you have to agree that too many innocent lives have been lost through gun violence. How many deaths will it take until we know that too many people have died? Our thoughts and prayers must be followed by action. We the American people beg you to act. It's time to pass common sense gun regulations that prevent another tragedy from happening again. As a conservative, I used to believe that gun rights should be completely unrestricted. But after Aurora, after Sandy Hook, after Parkland, and after countless other mass shootings that we've grown desensitized to, I have begun to reconsider my views. Surely we can find a way to reduce gun deaths while still respecting the 2nd Amendment? I believe that Texas, that America, can be better than this.

Message:

I AM WATCHING YOU ON TV, , IT IS YOUR FAULT, THIS HAPPEND 20 PEOPLE DIED BECAUSE YOU SUPPORT TRUMP DAILY , THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS, WHEN U SUPPORT TRUMP, I SAW U WITH TRUMP, EVERY TIME YOU GO TO BED, AND EVERY TIME U LOOK AT YOUR FAMILY , REALIZE U CREATED, AND HELP CREATE MONSTERS, BECAUSE, IT IS NOW ACCEPTABLE THANKS TO OUR PRESIDENT THAT YOU SUPPORT - IT IS NORMAL, TO BE A WHITE NATIONALIST RACIST , AND YOU HAVE SUPPORTED THIS TYPE OF ATTITUDE, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH TODAY AND PLEASE BE MINDFUL I AM A REPUBLICAN, BUT A JEB BUSH SUPPORTER, STOP STOP STOP AS REPUBLICANS WE HAVE TO STOP SUPPORTING HATE, AND TRUMP IS ALL ABOUT HATE, - GOV U HAVE HELPED CREATE HATE, - YOU CAN HELP BE A BETTER CHRISTIAN AND STOP SUPPORTING HATE, BE LIKE GEORGE AND JEB BUSH, AND STOP THIS CRAZY SUPPORT OF TRUMP , BE LIKE BETO, DONT BE LIKE TRUMP, I AM WATCHING YOU , AND YOU ARE SAYING THIS IS NOT TEXAN, THEN STOP SUPPORT OF TRUMP IF U ARE A REAL TEXAN, I HOPE BETO RUNS FOR GOVERNOR IF HE DOES NOT BECOME PRESIDENT, YOUR SUPPORT FOR TRUMP MAKES IT OK TO HURT MINORITIES , STOP HATE, BE A REAL CHRISTIAN AND STOP HATE STOP TRUMP SUPPORT - NOW YOU ARE ON TV SAYING MEMMORIAL AND NOT POLITICS, GOVERNOR YOUR POLITICS CAUSED THIS DEATH, I AM SURE A FEW WHITE FOLKS DIED TOO

Message:

You need to put a gag on your LT. Governor. I saw him on news after shooting and his remarks were very inappropriate.

Message:

Governor,

Please do something besides think and pray. Lead on gun control.

Message:

We are exhausted...this has happened yet again! Domestic terrorism cannot become our norm! We deserve better! We deserve peace! Be a leader and help put a stop to hate!



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Message:

How many more Governor? And you call yourself a Christian.... That would mean your actions to help others are selfless and full of peace. Is that how you have been operating?

Message:

Unfortunately, I live very near your fuhrer in NYC. The GOP's inaction on gun control, bigotry and lack of condemnation of white supremacists have turned the Republican party into a terrorist organization. Take your thoughts and prayers and shove them into your gun holster. Come on boy, how ignorant and stupid are you? Almost all of these mass shooters are conservative white boys. They hold the same views as you and your fuhrer. We know both of you are racist, misogynist, anti- semitic, xenophobic, homophobic, Islamaphobic bigots. You fuhrer was raised that way and I guess you were too. God help you. REPUBLICAN PARTY = TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

Message:

It is time we call these shooting what they truly are: terrorist attacks by men apart of the sickness that has struck America: white nationalism. White nationalism given a new lease on life by the rhetoric spewed out by our president and his band of hoodlums. White nationalism all too frequently repeated by our Texas officials. Now is the time to right our state's wrongs. Now is the time to stop the terror at the border and to hold our state accountable for the role it's played in letting white nationalists feel so empowered. As Shannon Watts said, "White supremacy is not a mental illness. Its an ideology encouraged by the President and too many of our nations leaders, and its made deadly in America via easy access to arsenals and ammunition." White supremacy cannot he stopped with "thoughts and prayers". White supremacy and its hold on our country and state can be stopped by you. We NEED gun control now. We NEED a better way to prevent these shootings. We NEED to end the inhumane treatment of people at the border and in our ICE facilities. You have the power to prevent this. Please fight for our state we love so dearly and introduce gun control now. Please stand for the belief that all people are created equal, and that none of them deserve to be viewed as was than for the color of their skin or their country of origin.



Message:

Governor Abbott...as a Republican Governor, PLEASE call out this President for what he is...anti immigrant, and a RACIST!! Put your State of Texas and this Country over Party...DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR THIS COUNTRY....THIS HAS GOT TO STOP BEFORE THE NEXT INCIDENT!!!!!! THIS PRESIDENT IS TEARING THIS COUNTRY APART!!!!!!

Message:

Until you ban assault weapons in Texas you have no moral standing to appear on TV at the scene of a massacre like you did yesterday.

Shame on you.

Message:

Governor

As an American I am listening to your criminal disingenuous responses to the El Paso shooting. THIS IS ANOTHER HOMEGROWN WHITE NATIONALIST TERRORIST SLAUGHTER... I know you wont do a thing about it...I challenge you to prove America wrong. ????

Message:

Governor Abbott These mass shootings are on YOU!

Message:

How are those thoughts and prayers working for you, Greg ?

Loved your 2015 statement urging your constituents to buy even more guns.

How does it feel to know the leader of your party incites people to do this shit. But hey, who gives a rip when you put party over country...

And as your party is now the racist party, you must be so proud.....

Message:

Dear Mr. Abbott,

Their blood is on your hands.

By refusing to take action after the incident in Dallas against police officers and the church shooting in Sutherland Springs, you allowed this heinous act to occur in El Paso. Both you and Ken Paxton should be ashamed not only in your response to those previous acts, but also your comments today, stating that no possible action could occur from a government level. I'm embarrassed to call you a Texan -- and certainly my governor.

Please stop letting Texans die at the hands of irresponsible gun owners and do something about this problem that has affected this great state three times in as many years.



Message:

How about a common a sense gun law? I am extremely disappointed, It's not just mental health. There are many people with mental health issues who don't shoot up a bunch of people. Common sense says it is not necessary to own these types of guns, like AK 47's. They are meant for war and for killing multiple people. Stop coddling the NRA! We need Common Sense gun reform. We need people like you to take action now. Enough is enough!

Message:

Governor,

One question. How many more people have to be killed in our country before we have stricter gun control? As you know we recently had the mass shooting in Gilroy, CA and it never ends! The time is now!!! Do you really think people should have access to assault weapons? You Republicans and the NRA are nothing but obstructionists and I'm sick of it to be frank!!!! Trump and make America Great Again are you kidding me? Do you support him and his values? What a sad time in America! Why don't you and the other republicans stand up to Trump and do what's best for our country? I think it's time to put country over party NOW!!

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Message:

Please make gun control your top priority NOW. There is absolutely no reason for an automatic weapon to be sold to anyone that is not military or police. No more gun sales over the internet! Will it take one if your loved ones to get hurt before you take action. I'm praying for you to make the right decision.

Message:

Thank you for going to El Paso. They needed and got your support. I was an officer in the El Paso Police Dept. for 24 1/2 years. I am proud of them and I am proud of you. Thank You

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott:

Please take action against mass shootings. I understand you receive money from the NRA, but something must be done. Texans deserve to be safe. Please do the right thing. Here are my suggestions:

-Reinstate the Federal assault weapons ban

-Ban large capacity magazines, nothing over 10 rounds of ammunition

-Universal background checks for purchasing firearms

-Increase in funding for mental health services

Message:

I am so sad for your state and constituents who are under your leadership during this time. It is a disgrace how you have promoted easy access to assault weapons and other guns, knowing full well you're doing it under the guise of "2nd amendment protection." That is a farce that your children and grandchildren can see through, and you're putting them at increasing risk of domestic terrorism and hate-fueled crime. I am not a constituent. Fortunately, my governor is not an NRA-backed puppet. I hope that your state's constituents can be represented by better leadership in the near future, since this is such a sad day for all. Maybe, until then, you will actually read the research, listen to the experts, and use COMMON SENSE to step up as a leader and ban assault weapons, enact background checks, and yell your constituents that responsible gun ownership should NEVER infringe in the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness of another human being.

Message:

Governor Abbott,

Just saw you on TV in the wake of the El Paso "ACT OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM". So someone can walk around in public with a AK 47 on his back in your state. You must be very proud of that. Plans for my family and me to visit your state are cancelled, do not want to get caught in a crossfire. Not sure if you've noticed but all the prayers in the world ARE NOT stopping DOMESTIC TERRORISM in TEXAS, whether it's where people worship or shop.

Sleep well, I am sure your supporters and pals at the NRA are.



Message:

https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/texas-lawmakers-blame-video-games-mental-illness-for-shooting/ar-AAFkvk8

One can't be a super soldier without a super gun!

Does it not yet seem obvious rapid or multiple round firing guns should be banned? Who needs an AK47 type weapon unless you're a cop or soldier?

What if your family was at that El Paso WalMart or out for an evening of fun in Dayton, or in church, or school or wherever one of these weapons is used to bring harm again?

As long as these weapons are available as they are today this will continue. Can we not slow this down somehow with tighter gun restrictions? Just think of Texas & the USA free of semi and automatic firing weapons? At least that would be a start.

Message:

What we are doing in Texas is not working re: gun violence. Just within the last year, people attending church, shopping with their kids, & attending school have been attacked by folks using military grade weapons. I support the Second Amendment, but allowing the sale of such armaments makes no sense to me.

On top of that, Trump continues to stoke resentment & anger. He doesn't pull the trigger, but his tweets & rants are dangerous. Silence means consent & you, as well as most in your party, are simply going along. Trump is what he is ... dishonest, corrupt & incompetent ... but I never imagined those in the GOP would look the other way. Our state & country will suffer from this lack of morality for a very long time.



Message:

We need stricter gun laws. Assault style rifles should never be in the hands of regular citizens. We are tired of living in fear and tired of losing innocent lives. How many more shootings have to happen for something to change? Please do something. Protect our people, our state, and our nation. Please.

Message:

El Paso:

I'm from El Paso and heard you speak on the current events. Thank you for being there. I have been to the capital many times with students learning about the history of Texas. We learn that there were Hispanic/tejanos that help gain our independence. Can you say something to that extent to the media? It'd make all Hispanics feel safer during these times. Again, thank you for supporting my hometown. It means a lot.

Message:

Your "thoughts and prayers" are WORTHLESS. After another mass shooting, this time in El Paso, and not one peep out of your mouth about regulating military style weapons. Too "soon" to discuss it??? Scared of offending Trump? Disgusting beyond words. Also, were you surprised that this was a white male shooter, a white supremist terrorist?



Message:

Two mass shootings in less than 13 hours and empty thoughts and prayers are all you have to offer. Doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results isnt insane, its GOP policy inaction (oops forgot a space there).

Im your constituent and Im begging you to do something, anything concrete. Sign some actual legislation to slow the proliferation of firearms. If that gets struck down by the courts then try again until you get it right.

Message:

Your refusal to take substantial measures to restrict open-carry, ban assault-style firearms, and expand background checks, your support for Trump, and your racist rhetoric makes you partially responsible for the El Paso massacre. As governor of Texas you have a responsibility to denounce white nationalism, denounce Trump, and call a special session to pass legislation to tighten gun laws. Anything less is unacceptable.

Message:

Watched your press conference this afternoon. You mentioned the need for mental health. Are you aware of how difficult it is to get a counseling license in our state?

Perhaps if it were less difficult we wouldn't have such a shortage.

Message:

How shameful that instead of admitting that our state was terrorized today by a profound racist stirred to violence partially by the racist rhetoric of a sitting president, our state leadership wants to cry mental health issues to the press. Or a lack of school prayer?Or violent video games? Obviously the shooter is a white man because thats when we discuss mental health as a root cause as well as his gentle arrest. If hed been a person of color hed have been shot to death in the parking lot by law enforcement. Clearly, this man is unhinged HOWEVER blaming this on mental health without recognizing the hateful white supremacy ideology behind it is absurd. The lack of common sense gun control combined with a president who daily incites racism and division is why we are here. You have a responsibility and swore an oath to protect your constituents. Refusing to implement common sense controls and pretending that Trumps racism is not paramount is dangerous. It cost 20 people their lives today, families destroyed. The irony being, for example, that Mr. Smith sponsors one of these infanticide bills touting his pro life stance. Has that even happened in our state? Of course not! But a man who lives 45 minutes down the highway from Mr. Smith in North Texas, spurred on by a bigoted president, drove hundreds of miles to execute hispanic people...wheres your legislation about that Reggie? What about their lives? The word Trump spelled out in weaponry on his social media - well, what can one say? Recognize that domestic terrorism based in white supremacy is alive and well and apparently thriving in Texas. Ive lived here for 50+ years and racism isnt new to Texas. But what is new is the boldness to bring it out on display. Ive had several experiences in my own town in the last year of just blatant hateful racism on full display. A neighbor actually called my house and asked my husband to step outside because a black persons car had broken down on our block. A business owner whom Id never met before in my life struck up a conversation with me about throwing away all her Nike tennis shoes. A former guitar teacher tells me that all democrats are communistic socialist baby killers that love pedophiles They are all emboldened to parade their racism and bigotry around in public because after all, Trump does. And they assume because Im a middle aged white woman in Texas, that I share their hateful stance. Its a terrible symptom and yesterday it manifested into the deaths of 20 people in Texas plus more in Dayton, OH. Heres my question. How many more Texans will die? Assault weapons have no place on our streets. We need comprehensive background checks. We need red flag laws. And we need representatives that have the stones to call out racism, domestic terrorism and bigotry even from the president. Please do something besides sitting in church today offering up your thoughts and prayers. You swore an oath to do so. Now do it.

Message:

I saw you speak asking that Texas heal and love all colors and it's been a long time since I've heard a republican say that.

Please do it more as that is what the people want to hear and support,

I'm so sorry about the loss your state is dealing with. I'm sorry but was a weapon of war he was using to mow all those people down with. Please support laws that protect us and this President isn't helping on that front

Thank you again



Message:

Governor, I urge you to denounce Trump and do something!!! This is our home state! We need to ban assault weapons NOW!! Our gun laws need to be addressed and so does the hatred Trump is spreading. You cannot say that his words dont cause violence because it has been PROVEN time and time again. The blood of these Texans is on your hands. You are an accomplice to these murders by remaining silent and being complacent. Shame on you. You can still do something, you can still be a hero. I hope you choose the right path. Do what you know is morally right.

Message:

MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE DO NOT CREATE MASS SHOOTINGS

MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE WITH EASILY OBTAINABLE A-R 15'S DO.....AND OTHER LETHAL ASSAULT RIFLES/GUNS.. GET SANE GUN LAWS PASSED AND STOP KIDDING YOURSELF AND LYING TO THE PEOPLE...

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott,

It is time that we recognise that something must be done to reduce gun violence in our state. Let me recommend some obvious answers that will reduce fatalities:

1) Outlaw battlefield (assault) weapons the way that we outlaw fully automatic weapons

2) Outlaw large capacity magazines, just as we restrict the capacities of semi-automatic shotguns

3) Treat guns and their owners as we treat motor vehicles: license all owners and register all guns (and, perhaps, tax guns annually)

4) Outlaw anti-personnel ammunition to protect our law enforcement officers

Note that none of these remedies are original and none will reduce gun fatalities to zero, but all will help immeasurably in reducing the numbers of fatalities.

Finally, I would support extradition of the suspected assassin in El Paso, to Mexico. I think a life sentence in a Mexican jail would be fitting sentence for this 21 year old, should he be found guilty.

Sincerely,



Message:

This was not about video games or mental illness. While racism is its own form of illness, to attribute what happened in El Paso to video games is disingenuous and sad. This was the conflation of two negative ideas about non whites that are wholly supported by our president and his administration. I hope someone in power has the integrity to look beyond their own self interests and offer something more that "thoughts and prayers"

Message:

I am extremely concerned with the last shootings, especially the one in El Paso. We need gun control and need to take steps towards more strict policy. Also, please make a statement going against Trump's rhetoric and jokes made on shooting immigrants. It needs to be brought up and it needs to be shut down. That rhetoric is why we are in this situation.



Message:

No more semi-automatic weapons. Please do something. PLEASE. I am begging you to please do something.

Message:

I am contacting you because gun laws in our country need to change. Gun violence is only getting worse due to the lack of mental health support, lack of appropriate gun control, and the ease at which people can buy semi automatic rifles and guns in general.

My husband is a teacher and I worry about his safety constantly. We should not have to worry about our family's safety at our schools. We need gun control.

Message:

Hello,

IF you are serious about protecting Texans, you will go beyond thoughts and prayers. Many faith traditions reflect that prayer without action is diminished or insufficient. Therefore, it is beyond time to act.

1. You could make it slightly harder to obtain at least certain weapons and supplies. How is it that 40+ people are shot

- for the crime of going to the mall - before police or CCW certified citizens can stop him? Where were the good guys with the guns? Hence, your hiding behind trite comments and tropes has not served the people of Texas well and steps on the memories of the people killed in the UT Clocktower and Kileen Luby's shootings decades ago. You have not come a long way, baby.

2. It has been reported that, yet again, the alleged suspect's screed was posted to websites days ago. Isn't there a duty to warn (Tarasoff v. California Board of Regents) when even a blog aggregator becomes aware or should know of untoward content. Has your attorney general or county DA's not prosecuted someone before for stating that they can't wait any more; they need to

act?

3. Stop being part of this lock-step, rubber stamp ideal that whatever your President or vice president does is correct, legal, and morally

sound. Just think, would there be so many hate-based crimes in the last 2-3 years if the underlying ideas weren't validated by the president or if

YOU, sir, didn't beg Texans to buy more guns? Did you think they'd go on a person's mantle? Are you that naive? Are you that short-sighted?

Well Governor, clearly someone took your advice, bought a gun and killed a score of people. Does this help your competition against that other

red state?

I don't care how business friendly a state is. i don't care how improved an economy might be - as contrived as that argument is - when going to

the mall appears to be a capital offense where Texans are arrested, tried and put to death by a white, US citizen who did not cross a border, pledge

allegiance to a foreign nation, or have an abortion.

What tangible steps are you willing to take to end the public health and moral crisis of gun violence and if you identify any, why haven't you acted?

Why are you still standing idle? Why are you begging people to buy guns? This could very well be the legacy of your time as Governor.

It won't get you sainthood, that's for sure.

Message:

How can you be pro-life and pro-the sale of AK-47s and AK-15s? You can't! I write after these mass shootings knowing that the only thing that will happen is some intern will send me some lame email about mental health, but as a teacher and mother of five, I owe it to my kids. Everyone knows the founding fathers did not have AKs in mind when they wrote the Second Amendment. Please do something!!!!



There's been yet another mass shooting in Texas. How many mass shootings will we have to hear about in the news before we get state gun control laws?

Message:

Greg: I'm listening to your "thoughts" for the people of El Paso on this tragic day. How long do the people of Texas have to wait for you to take up arms and fight to end these senseless killings? You talk about unity and support but when it comes to acting on gun control you are hiding in the shadow of the NRA and so many "gun advocates". Don't tell us about how passionately you feel for the people of El Paso. Tell us what you are going to do to see that AK47's are outlawed Don't you get tired of this...sending thoughts and prayers to people who are senselessly murdered. How many more have to die for your passion to amount to more than a thought and a prayer? The prayer that is needed is that of all Americans, a prayer that God will give you the strength and heart to enact sensible and actionable gun control laws. Please, act now before the next tragedy breaks our hearts.

Message:

I want gun control.



Message:

People are looking for leadership not more prayers in the wake of the second mass shooting to hit your state in recent weeks. I find myself worrying more when my children and grandchildren attend events and go about their daily lives in the U.S. than I do when they travel abroad. Do something. Take a stand. Make a difference. Protect your citizens and others from around the world who visit your state. Enact common sense gun control. Be as brave as those who were crouching in the aisles of the El Paso Walmart trying to evade the hatred of another white nationalist.

Message:

Sorry to hear about the resent issue.

I think it time to put things back as our founders intended and thats undo the restrictions of the Constitutional Right! Most states have ham fisted taken the to bear arms and turn it into a privilege where the state and it's officials decide who gets permission to exercise their constitutional right.

We have background checks at the time of purchase for personal defense weapon's so anyone thats cleared is allowed to own a firearm.

There now 13 (soon to be 14 come November) States that Have Undone the General Deprivation of the Constitutional Right and allow their residents to carry a personal defense weapon of their liking without having to ask for permission from the state and not have to pay fees and be issued license to exercise their constitutional right.

The restriction's on the Constitutional Right is not working and has never worked, the states that have fully restored the right to the people have no problems as a result of allowing the people to carry concealed weapon and the State did not turn into a wild west shootout as many of the cridic's said would happen, in fact crime dropped.

Best of luck with this





Message:

Go DC to make stronger control is not the answer. They need a law that will allow hospitals, Clinic, etc to release all info on people who have mental problems, doing video games that gives them ideas & a better way for them not to get a gun. People kill, not the gun. They lie about the answers on the paper work, they show disrespect to any new laws & don't care. They get guns from internet or other ways. Think about that. Thank you for all you do & for your time & understanding.

Message:

I would like for gun reform to be a top priority for ou legislation. I want automatic weapons to be banned from all Americans, no matter the gun! Mass casualties comes from an automatic weapon, please look into this matter quickly and efficiently! Thank you!



Message:

After this Senseless tragedy today maybe you should do something about Assault weapons and background checks. Thoughts and prayers Do Not help..



Message:

Another 20 innocent people dead today by a rifle designed for war and you say nothing about banning assault weapons. Is that "the Texas way" ????

Message:

"Lives were taken who should still be with us today."

You damned hypocrite!! They would still be with us today if you had done your job on gun control.

WTF r u gonna do now ... "Thoughts & prayers"?

Message:

It was kind of you to make it over to El Paso today. The problem might be guns. There are issues which God's help is importnt but this is a human issue. I hope you can find the strength to stand up to the NRA.

I have yet to receive a reply to my concern about the detention centers for children.

I have a long family history with TX - its time to act on a couple of things that you can directly influence.

Hope you are keeping climate change in your thinking. The refinery area will go fast - both from the Gulf basin filling, and more intense weather. Long range thinking is difficult for politicians but your children and grand children might be important people to consider.

Thank you

Message:

Do your job Senator, and support effective gun control:

- 1. Universal background checks
- 2. Assault weapons and large clip ban
- 3. Red flag confiscation of weapons

You are a racist. You are a bigot. You are disgusting. But you hold the office of governor of Texas and you need to do your job and protect the people of Texas. All of them.

And you need to stop taking money from the NRA. They are evil.

Message:

The Republican party has become the lapdog of the NRA. This country is sick with guns. The massacre in El Paso is not a mental health issue, it is a bigotry and hate issue. This has been inflamed by your trash-talking president. You and MoscowMitch and the rest of the Republicans have stalled all progress in this county. You should be ashamed of yourselves, although I know that you are not. You absolutely disgust me. If you had any scruples at all you would put your country ahead of your party. As if...

Message:

I was impressed with LG Dan Patricks's common sense theories to help stop the American mass murders in our country. I have a number of suggestions: which may lessen the occurrence. Thank you for listening.

1. PRE EVENT:

| | 1. Any student in any school or home schooled, or out of school, who writes a written manifesto, |
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| paper, term paper, diary, groups of persons, shall be | journal or any other writing expressing a desire to kill, murder or maim any other person or |
| | referred to an independent three judge panel to determine whether such alleged miscreant be |
| sentenced to six | o six months psychological rehabilitation and or six months community service under the superv |
| of the Parole office. | |
| social media sites | 2. All hate, which includes mayhem, murder websites, video games, TV, Radio programming or |
| | shall be terminated. |
| 2. AFTER THE EVENT: | |
| and after conviction destroyed in totality, | 1. Any person who is known to be involved in a mass murder, by witnesses, and bona fides evidence |
| | by a court of law, shall be given two weeks to vacate his premises, and then his premises shall be |
| | whether or not there are other occupants in the house. |
| 1.11.1 | 2. Any person who had definitive foreknowledge of the alleged miscreant's intent to do mass murder, |

and did not warn the proper officials shall be arrested and charged with a new crime of semi accessory before the fact which if convicted would lead to incarceration.

Message:

Do something besides prayers and condolences. Act to keep us safe. Lead the way for the rest of the nation.

1)background checks for all

2)extreme background checks for new & existing owners of military weapons

3) charge fees to support costs of doing, just like driver licenses and auto registration

4)stop taking money from the NRA

Support citizens, not gun lobby and manufacturers. Selling the most weapons in our state should not be a point of pride. Show some spine, I know you've got it in you.



Message:

As long as you remain in the pocket of the NRA, you will continue to have innocent people's blood on your hands, like those lost in the three mass shootings we had THIS WEEK. Gun. Control. Now. Do your job. Listen to your constituents.

Message:

I am praying for your state!

Think about many more mobile police station trailers to be randomly placed on rotation in large shopping areas with one way glass. You need more preventative controls to stop this. Even unmanned police cars help. Used a lot in Nevada now. Disney uses portable security look out towers. There are many ways to go. Police sometimes behind the curve on current security practices. Take care!

Message:

Gov. Abbott. Your words and prayers are not enough. You need to help pass SENSIBLE gun laws. No weapons of war are needed in our society. Those belong in war zones! Act now to protect ALL of us, not only those who voted for you. We need UNIVERSAL background checks.

Message:

As school shootings and other mass killings continue to escalate, it has become clear to the majority of Americans that our approach to gun policy and violence must change. While the federal government has failed to act, state governments can enact laws to provide common sense gun safety reform.

The majority of voters - Democrat, Republican, and Independent - support common sense gun safety policies such as restricting gun sales to people convicted of violent crimes and banning the sale of military-type guns and weapons. State legislators have the power to make significant advances in gun safety reform if elected representatives are willing to finally take a stand.

Now is the time to enact reform, before another tragedy, like that in El Paso, happens here in Texas.

Message:

The time for "thoughts and prayers" are over. Have the courage to act. To do something. Work on passing common sense gun reform to make our communities safer! It's not 1791 anymore. Firearms, people and our culture have changed since the ratification of the 2nd Amendment. Our laws need to change too.

Weapons of war like those used in this weekend's mass shootings do not belong on retail shelves or on our streets.

Have the courage to ACT, to make CHANGE.

Message:

Are you still "embarrassed" as you said in a 2015 tweet that Texas was #2 in buying guns? I hope you care more now about banning assault weapons. Why don't you tweet about THAT?! Are you held down by the NRA too!! If not....PROVE IT!!! Ban assault weapons!!!

Message:

Your comments do nothing more than stigmatize people with mental illness and reduce the chances of someone getting help for their mental illness if they have not sought treatment before. And then when funding does increase for mental illness then the damn administrators rob from it instead of the money going toward the patients and their care.

Sincerely,



Message:

I hope in light of what has happened right at your doorstep, that you will find the courage and strength to take a stand against the President and his hateful, disgusting, divisive rhetoric! Sitting by in silence when he spews his hatred is shameful and despicable. AND GET A BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS!!! They should NOT be on the streets! That's just plain, common sense!!!

Message:

Gov. Abbott,

We fear sending our children to school every day, and now it seems nowhere is safe. We need stricter gun control policies. Please think of your people and the children. We need to see change immediately! What will you do to help? Enough is ENOUGH.

Respectfully,



Message:

El Paso Strong:

My husband and I grew up, became high school sweethearts and got married in El Paso, TX. Our parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces still enjoy living there today. Our hometown is always in our hearts and in our prayers now due to the evil, racist act of terrorism on Saturday. I ask you to stand up, use your voice and power to be a force for change and action. I ask you to show the nation that as Texans we stand tall and proud against prejudices and racism by speaking out and condemning speech by anyone, be it fellow citizens chanting or shouting hate filled speech, media outlets excusing hate filled language and leaders who by not speaking directly and swiftly against white supremacy and by spreading inaccuracies, stoking fears and directing hate filled language, ideas and messages to certain groups of people have all contributed to the current, dangerously angry and hate filled environment that emboldens racism and radicals to act. I ask you that the tragedy this Saturday be used as a call to action to also create policy change that at the least lessens if not all together prevents such acts of terror. I ask you that you put fourth and/or support legislation that strengths current gun laws and creates new ones that stop the use of assault weapons that contribute to the mass numbers of casualties and victims. I alongside, family members and friends partake in the legal right to bear arms. I however no longer see the need for such weapons to be woven into our society. Just as riding in vehicles without seatbelts has become an antiquated idea and that freedom has been legally adjusted to represent a change in society to ensure the safety of citizens and an organized society, the ability to purchase and own assault weapons should come to an end. I ask you to show the nation and the world that as Texans we are strong and proud and we act, create and push forward not just offer thoughts and prayers. To you I say remember when good men stand by evil reigns.

Message:

With the recent shooting in El Paso and as a Hispanic living in Texas, when are you going to do your part regarding gun violence and more importantly, are you ever going to challenge Trump regarding his continued voicing of hate regarding Hispanics and minorities? I am totally disppointed with the Republican party both from a national and state level. During the last two years you and the party have allowed Trump to voice his hate, break the law and look the other way on Russian interference in our elections. The national Republican party was once the party of law and order and of managing the budget in a smart and prudent manner however they've failed terribly in both. During the midterm elections, I did something I have never done before, I voted straight Democrat and I will continue to do the same until your party regains its sanity. Also, please, please quit doing all you and your fellow Republicans can to discourage people from voting by making it harder to vote, by intimidating minority voters and by creating districts favoring Republicans. Enough is enough!!

Message:

Hi! My 2 cents worth!

What just happened in Texas and other locations is

Due to WEAPONS OF WAR allowed in our society by politicians

Who really do not care if a Human is shot dead. No, no the 2nd

Should have nothing to do with this. Weapons of war & muskets are very different.

So if you are serious, Texas, US must bring back strong gun control and

Ban assault weapons.

As a governor you need to stifle the hate coming from Drumpf.

Pickup and read "Dying of whiteness".

Thanks,

Message:

This weekend, more Americans were killed by senseless, preventable gun violence. Your constituents, including myself, would like to see your leadership in passing gun safety legislation that saves lives. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Message:

There were two new mass shootings this last weekend. Enough is enough! I don't want to hear your stale platitudes of thoughts and prayers or second amendment. I want to see changes: changes to gun availability, changes to background checks, changes to domestic terrorism funding and changes in leadership. YOU must call Trump out on his white supremacy, his hate speech and his bigoted policies. Why can you not find it in yourself to see the division this comman bigot is sowing in our country and stop supporting him? Is it the NRA backing you are receiving, your agreement with his bigotry or simply a lack of courage? Schools, churches, movie theaters, concerts, shopping malls, restaurants and clubs are no longer safe so even if your dark heart can't find the integrity to stop this carnage, think about the dead and injured whose lives are affected. And if your dark heart can't find empathy for those families, think about the money that is being wasted by these horrible acts being perpetuated on communities in trying to provide more security and being helpless to catch all perpetrators because this awful movement is growing. Think of the money lost by businesses as more people stay home rather than risk being out and about living as we used to be able to do. White supremacy is NOT the American way and yet you never speak out about this president. Silence is agreement! Show some strength and contact our senators and get the Congress back from recess and tell them they must vote for stronger gun control NOW. We need legislators who take actions not just in actions not just bask in the title.

Message:

Your comments all relate to consoling victims and prosecuting perpetrators. What are you doing to keep your current citizens safe tomorrow and next week and next month?? All countries have crazy people, and racist people. The difference is that in our country, such people can get lethal weapons. We MUST regulate gun ownership. Without registration, how can we take guns away from people who are dangerous? If assault weapons were banned, dangerous people could not kills scores of people in minutes. Be brave and use common sense. Too many guns means they are too accessible. I am a public health professional. This is science and logic. Stand up for Texan children and families. Prayers are not enough. Leadership is needed.

Message:

Please love people more than guns, specifically assault weapons and high capacity magazines.

Message:

Im writing to tell you I am your constituent, and I vote. More #Texans died yesterday. You are not protecting us. Your inactions are indeed actions of complicity in the #DomesticWhiteTerrorism that is so prevalent in our beloved country and in Texas. What is it going to take for you to ensure we are doing everything possible to save Texan lives from gun violence? Working to pass #BackgroundChecksNow on all gun purchases, adopting #RedFlagLaws would be a great start. We need to promote gun safety and responsible gun laws. This epidemic must stop, and if you continue to refuse to take action, I will see you at the ballot box and work to ensure everyone I know does, too.

Message:

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Police say the gunman legally purchased the weapon he used in the shooting that left 20 people dead and more than two dozen wounded at an El Paso Walmart. Because of your inaction 20 Texans have died. You have blood on your hands. We need gun reform now!

Message:

I am a 1983 graduate of Vanderbilt Law School. I wish the law school would recognize you as a tool of the gun lobby and let the world know of your responsibility for the slaughter in El Paso. Maybe we can have a day of Greg Abbott condemnation in Nashville. Your "thoughts and prayers" is an obscenity. Guns beget violence, yet you challenge your citizens to buy more guns. You are a sick man with blood on your hands. May God have mercy on you.

Message:

I implore you to be brave. Initiate and support commonsense gun safety laws NOW. So many innocent lives have been lost and now we had the El Paso and Dayton mass shootings in one 24-hour period. We are at a point where no one is safe. It doesn't have to be this way. Who are we if we can't keep our citizens safe – no other country has this problem so there must be solutions? We must value our citizens more than we value guns, don't we?? I do, and am asking you to agree and take action. Initiate and support commonsense gun safety laws NOW

Solutions can be implemented while continuing to support and defend the 2nd Amendment. Keeping guns out of the hands of violent criminals, domestic abusers and the mentally ill isn't anti-Second Amendment. Rights come with responsibilities, and we must do better to prevent these senseless tragedies.

Many states have already implemented reforms and because of their actions their populations are safer. The numbers prove this, 33% of the U.S. population lives in a jurisdiction with expanded background checks, meaning that for nearly every firearm sale, that is at a gun show, at a gun shop, or through a private transaction, the seller must complete a background check. And these reforms are making a real difference. States with universal background checks experience 53% fewer mass shootings. Texas needs to be such a state. And 97% of Americans say it should be the law nationwide. We need background checks for all firearm sales. 97% of the citizens want this so let's get this done now.

Eight states restrict magazine capacity to 10 or 15 bullets, and their residents are 63% less likely to endure a mass shooting. Texas needs to be such a state. Conversely, when a domestic abuser has a firearm, domestic assault incidents are 12 times more likely to end in death for the victim, yet federal law still has gaping loopholes in the background check system that continues to allow abusers to buy and possess guns. We need to close these loopholes. We need background checks for all firearm sales.

We must do better to protect our communities— Be courageous and do the right thing, initiate and support commonsense gun safety laws NOW. It in no way undermines the commitment to defending the entire Bill of Rights, including the Second Amendment.

Message:

This weekend, more Americans were killed by senseless gun violence. Your constituents, including myself, would like to see your leadership in passing gun safety legislation that saves lives. Thank you for your time.

Message:

Prayers and hugging are children don't bring the dead back You and the republicans and trump are responsible

Message:

With all due respect Governor Abbott, this mass shooting by a WHITE DOMESTIC TERRORIST is not totally about mental health. It is about HATE which your friend Donald J. Trump is spewing each and every day, either by his hate rallies, tweets and through the media. There is an adviser in the White House, Stephen Miller who has ties to Neo Nazi's and White Supremacist and Trump has ties to David Duke. It is about all of you quit being silent about what Trump and his administration is doing to our country. What other president , while at a rally in Texas I must add, had someone yell out "Shoot Them" and the moron laughed. This should not be about politics this should be right and wrong. White Supremacy has been emboldened by Trump and his administration. I am writing this as an Independent who is disgusted and saddened by the path this country is taking. In this case Governor Abbott, silence is not golden it is cowardly not to call Trump what he is, please stop enabling him. We need a wall for sure around this administration, neo nazi's and white supremacist. Shame on all of you for turning a blind eye.

Message:

How many more manifestos need to be written? How many more people need to die? The 2nd amendment was written over 250 years ago. And our forefathers knew that this document had to be flexible with the ability to change. We need to change. Americans need to be able to you out in public without the worry of being gunned down by a white supremicist. The time to act is now. We need sensible gun laws; backgrounds checks for all, enforced waiting periods and no military grade weapons. Please for the safety of those you serve begin working on sensible gun laws. Thank you.

Message:

My compliments on your wonderful speech following the tragic shooting today in El Paso. It touched the heart, gave credit to all involved in handling the crime, did not publicize the perpetrator as he may have wished. You covered the information effectively and briefly, no electioneering here. Your positive approach to the situation put the focus where it belonged - on the good people of Texas rather than the evil. The people of Texas were shown to be loving and giving in their blood donations and swift actions - rather than as paralyzed by horror. The swift actions of law enforcement officers showed organizations and efficiency. You are an impressive governor. Just saying.

Message:

Providing counseling for all of the victims of the most recent shooting horror in El Paso is great, but where is your outrage that someone can open fire with a gun that can mow people down within minutes. Our forefathers never intended the Second Amendment to give free reign to crazy people with machine guns and AK-47's etc. I have no problem with owning a handgun for home protection, a rifle for the sportsman, but someone needs to explain to me why assault weapons are necessary. The Second Amendment is the right to bear arms for protection and hunting, taking care of your family. I am a voter, I have voted for you. Never again. You have a state to protect, and quite frankly, at this time you are not doing your job for ALL Texans. Open up shooting centers where people can "rent" an assault rifle and have some fun. There is no place for that type of gun in someone's home or possession. I will do everything I can to see you defeated in the next election if something doesn't happen. Clearly the Republican Party is no longer the "Family Values" party. We have a corrupt government, our only hope at this time is turn to each and every state and find someone in power with enough common sense and cleaner hands to curb gun violence. This HATE must stop. I'm begging you. I will pray that God guides you to the right words, the right actions.

Message:

From a mother of 2 small children, a wife, and a nurse. What can I do? Is there anything, anything at all that I can do? Besides pray? Pray and cry? I can't stop crying. For the victims, their families. For my children, for my country, for the safety of our future. Change the gun laws. Stop doing NOTHING. Resist the NRA and their bullshit propaganda. Resist Trump, even in our red state, resist him. He is toxic for us, for the United States, for our beloved Texas.

Stop doing nothing and demand common sense gun laws.

Message:

It is not nonviolent asylum-seekers who are criminals but apathetic government leaders. YOU, government leaders, are criminals. You, government leaders, are blatant accessories to the murders in El Paso, Dayton, and Gilroy for having in the past refused to ban semi-automatic rifles and making it effortless and legal for a psychopath to purchase a deadly military-grade weapon. Give up your sycophancy to the monetary powerhouse of the NRA and for once follow in the steps of countries like New Zealand, where government officials ban semiautomatic rifles after only one deadly shooting.

Message:

I'm writing to share my utter disgust with your leadership as Governor of Texas in the wake of the recent mass killings in El Paso. You signed legislation in 2019 that granted nearly unlimited rights to the NRA, allowing for virtually unlimited rights of carry to gun owners. In my opinion, you have blood on your hands and are complicit in this atrocity. I hope every family member of the victims of these shootings will see what a fraud you are, a complete tool of the NRA. How much money did they give you for your re-election campaign? You are a complete disgrace and MURDERER. Shame on you! The victims of this atrocity don't want your prayers, they want sensible GUN CONTROL!

Message:

Dear Gov. Abbott, Rep. Noble and Sen. Paxton, Wouldnt it be cool if Texas led the nation in some gun regulation? Maybe we could start a policy that to own a gun you must have a license? Or we could make high capacity magazines illegal?

Also, please check your public verbiage. We have many Americans who think members of the other political party are the enemy. We are all Americans and Id really like to see you all start talking about unity and stop acting like American citizen democrats are worse than Russia.

Message:

"Whatever your race may be"

There is only ONE race - the HUMAN RACE.

Message:

Govenor Abbott,

Why is it legal to purchase an automatic weapon online?

Why has TEXAS not reinstated a ban on assault weapons? Why?

Shame on you. Shame on our Texas lawmakers for dragging their feet.

Message:

Re: El Paso shooting

CHECK THIS IDIOT FOR SSRI (Prozac/Lexapro) CLASS DRUGS. NO ONE IS THIS CRAZY WITHOUT THESE. Columbine, Susan Smith, German Wings flight all admittedly on these- Sandy Hook, Las Vegas, Garlic festival not yet confirmed but classic. These are to adults what Ritalin was to school kids (notice how school shootings stopped when Ritalin use did? It wasn't from more sensitivity training in kindergarten).

Of course I grieve, pray and offer condolences for your losses. But they do fit a pattern and highly likely are a direct result. Shooting people at random is not a hate crime- its not that "logical"- but a clear sign of a disorganized, irrational/ illogical thought process (ie, simply nuts). Mind altering medications do this- SSRI's with just such pattern. Again, and again, and.....

Ask why the military will not accept enlistment from anyone ever having taken these drugs- The FAA will pull your license immediately if you take one pill- they chemically react with any alcohol at all (as in cough syrup, much less beer or liquor) but are currently some of the most commonly prescribed drugs in the US. You can guess their effect on any federal security clearance. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE MY WORD ON THIS_ TEST THIS GUY WHILE THESE MEDS ARE STILL IN HIS SYSTEM!!!!!

Message:

Governor Abbott -

We have to do something about access to weapons with the capability to cause mass casualties. I'm a believer in the second amendment, and I am a responsible gun owner.

We need to do something to limit the ability for at risk people getting weapons. I can think of a couple things, first, require training and demonstrated competence before one is allowed to purchase a weapon. When I learned how to drive, I had to take a 10 week drivers training course, and pass a written and physical driving test before I could get a license. Because a motor vehicle can be lethal. We should do the same for guns. Second, restrict or eliminate access to weapons of war. Long guns with 20 round magazines, short barrels, and laxer scopes are designed for one thing - mass casualties. These weapons are powerful and almost always lethal. Limiting access to these weapons will at least slow someone down, giving a concealed carry holder at least a chance to return fire.

The NRA likes to say responsible citizens can stop an armed attack, however, when any of these mass shootings take place, there is never a responsible citizen around to stop the perpetrator. Their argument doesn't hold - we need to do something.

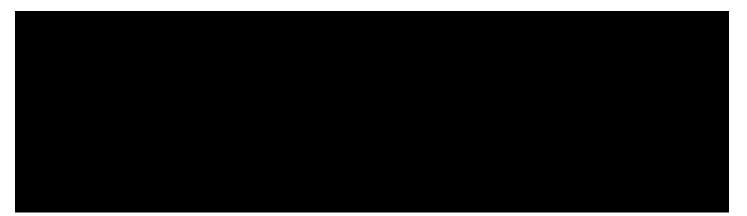
Message:

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So sick of you politicians after these shootings speak of how the States people are strong and will get thru it. How about the victims and their families and all Americans. Trumps rhetoric on social media of hate since he's been in office is responsible for these shootings and deaths. Igniting the hate and encouraging the bullies and mentally ill. You politicians need to stand up to trump and get rid of war. Weapons. The Gov't has blood on their hands.

Message:

When is enough going to be enough for you to act for tighter gun control!? When will you have heard enough about people needlessly being shot by automatic weapons? When are you going to be bold enough to respect the wishes for tighter gun control legislation from the majority of your constituents? When are you going to be fed up watching and hearing about the domestic carnage occurring because of the lack of responsible gun legislation? When are you going to be fierce enough to confront the NRA? When is enough going to be enough for you?



The Honorable Greg Abbott Governor of Texas States Insurance Building 1100 San Jacinto, Austin, Texas 78701

Your Honorable,

On behalf of the people and the Government of Viet Nam, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to Your Honorable and the people of Texas for the great losses that you are enduring.

We stand with Your Honorable and the people of Texas in general and of El Paso in particular during this moment of difficulty. We strongly believe that the people of El Paso will be able to return to normal life soon. Yours sincerely,

Message:

Governor Abbot,

Please step up and have the courage to support a ban on assault rifles. This is just unbelievable. You are very influential and your support could make it happen.

Sincerely,



Message:

There has been 2 mass shootings in less than 24 hours, innocent lives have been taken because gun laws have not been changed! Why?! Our airports have been forever changed because of 9/11 and there have been so many lives lost due to senseless gun violence and yet our gun laws have not changed! Why?! I am outraged that we live in a country we call America the great, land of the free but whats great about a country that seems to refuse to protect its people with stricter gun laws, how are we free if we live in fear to do everyday things likes shop at Walmart?! Protect us for heavens sake! Protect our children! This is how to make America great again

Message:

I demand there be a vote held for universal gun background checks! Something needs to change!

Message:

Governor,

I am writing to ask you to call a special session to address gun control and gun violence. We as Texans need to take the lead in making changes in our laws that will protect innocent people and save lives. Texas has experienced way too many mass shootings over the last few years and it is time for that to end. This should not be a political issue, but a human issue. It is not a Republican or Democratic issue, nor a left or right issue, it is common sense, which we do not seem to have an over abundance of these days. Let us make Texas the leader in a common sense approach to gun violence. Again, please consider a special session of the legislature to address these pressing issues.

Thank You,

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott,

In light of the current mass shooting in El Paso, Texas I beg you to find a way to move this great nation toward "Gun Safety." WE all need to move past the rhetoric of "Gun Control" and realize that without something more than "thoughts and prayers" we all will live in fear and that is no way for Americans to live. Please find away to make America Safe Again!! Sincerely,

Message:

What a pathetic response to the tragedy of El Paso, and a typically Republican one! NOT ONE WORD ABOUT GUN CONTROL! If you 'google' mass shootings in the US in 2019, you will call up a chart that indicates that ALMOST EVERY SINGLE DAY there is a mass shooting. Not every single one results in a death or deaths, but that is the result of sheer luck and circumstance, and therefore all of them don't even make the news. Every single one of these major shootings involves an automatic, military-grade weapon designed and created for the singular purpose of RAPIDLY KILLING MASSIVE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE. These weapons certainly have no place in the hands of non-military men of an age in which their brains are not even fully developed (check it out: men's brains aren't not fully developed until the age of 25, and according to a British study, men don't fully mature until age 43). They certainly should not be available for purchase by the general public (It is beyond me how this became legal). It's time to grow up (mature) and finally come to the obvious conclusion that (1) these guns should not be sold to the public, (2) they need to be taken off the shelves and the streets and out of the hands of those who own them, and (3) these incidents will continue to happen on a regular (near-daily) basis until and unless these steps are taken. Your words of sympathy and 'prayers' mean ABSOLUTELY NOTHING without REAL and GENUINE GUN CONTROL.

You are an embarrassment to yourself and the country.

Message:

To whomever it may concern, In light of the recent El Paso shooting, the grieving families and friends of victims need comfort in knowing their pain isn't just ammunition for an argument against gun control. I propose a monument, with the names of every victim on it, so they can be more than a statistic. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Best wishes, Keeli Hash

Message:

In the past 36 hours we've seen far too many murders by white supremacist terrorists in Texas and Ohio. What we need now are actions to prevent these murders. The state of Texas should pass red flag laws and implement no-exception background checks for firearms purchases. You can do this. You should do this. The voters are watching. Public safety is your responsibility.

Message:

If you really cared for the people of Texas, you would be a leading Republican in the rebuke, condemnation, and criminal charging of the NRA. Your words to the families of those injured or murdered in today's El Paso shooting were the same weary sentiments that have been expressed over and over through the years. How do you say such trite, worthless things and still sleep at night? You, obviously, have no conscience....



Message:

Mr. Abbot..

I'm a citizen of El Paso Texas. We need gun control in our state and our country. Stop protecting the NRA and the Gun interest. We want to feel safe in churches, schools, malls, shopping centers and place of work. Enough is Enough! No more weapons of mass destruction.

Message:

Hi Greg,

I am one of your constituents and I am going crazy about the El Paso shooting today, and I don't want to leave me house so that I'll be safe. You're my leader, and I look to you to respectfully find middle ground and address this issue with the importance and dignity that the human life lost deserves. Please call for a ban on assault weapons while assuring individual's they will arm themselves. Hunting is for animals, not people!!! Show Texas you care about us!

Thank you for your time. I will be contacting again soon.

Message:

Ban assault weapons now! Require extensive background checks for gun owners.

Message:

You're the same guy telling people to buy more guns a while back? You are obviously deranged. How can you not join the dots on this? I'm Australian and since we banned guns there has not been another mass shooting. That's called proof - more guns more deaths, less guns less deaths. You're either completely mad or you're getting paid by the nra.

Message:

Ban Assault Weapons! Stop sending thoughts and prayers. Do something!



Message:

I want to say how sorry I am to here of the shootings in El Paso. I won't say I understand the hurt people are going through right now but I will say I agree with the Lieutenant Governor of Texas said about our country as we are losing our focus on God and turning to things that basically lead you away from God. I can't remember word for word, however, if we aren't focused on God and His goodness then we only have Satan and his evil. Please let the people of Texas know I am sorry to hear of this attack and I don't know what else to do or say but pray for them and our country. Let them know those who harm God's children will have to face our Father in the end. May He have the mercy I don't feel for these who harm my brothers and sisters in Christ. In my Prayers,

Message:

Please just keep your mouth shut and don't try to make any statements about the El Paso mass shooting. You have done nothing, nothing, to attempt to regulate gun control--not closing the gun show loophole, seeing that everyone who gets a gun is registered, or stopping the sell of automatic rifles.

Just spare us the hypocrisy of your bromides.

Message:

We need gun reform. We needed it after Sandy Hook. We need you to do your job. You need to stand up to Trump & you need to stop taking NRA money & you need to do something. We cannot allow this to keep happening. White Nationalists are the most dangerous people in our country & y'all are just giving them unfettered access to weapons of war. Enough. We've had enough. Common sense gun legislation needs to happen, immediately.

Message:

I am writing to urge you to vote to close the deadly loopholes in our laws that make it too easy for dangerous people to get guns.

The bottom line is this: Lax gun laws allow domestic terrorists to buy guns and even instruct would-be homegrown domestic terrorists to exploit them.

Background checks are supported by over 90 percent of all Americans and are a commonsense tool for keeping guns out of the hands of criminals, terrorists and the dangerously mentally ill.

Its time to end the epidemic of gun violence in our country. Thank you for doing what is right for the people of Texas.

Message:

Did you really tell the citizens of Texas to buy more guns because California was leading in gun sales? Well maybe that crazy asshole that killed all those people in ElPaso today got your message. I cannot believe the people of Texas voted you into office. Your a disgrace. Quit the job. You have zero ideas on gun control and keeping your citizens safe. Your part of the problem. You should resign. Please go away

Message: SUPPORT GUN CONTROL!!!

Message:

Now is the time to takes action on mass shooting !!! My plan would be to make all military rifles illegal to own without special license and registration and insurance similiar to a car. There would be a yearly fee charged ,all thief s and private sales would have to be reported. Any hand gun that holds multiple rounds would fall under the same rules .I

I own guns all are designed for hunting, I come from a family of hunters, could not evaluate the amount of deer and antelope meat i eaten. Know lots of people with guns all hunters and they agree rapid fire guns are meant only for use in war!!! Hunting is a skill, one shot to shoulder area basically a kill shot or you destroy useable meat. Now get your shit together and do the right thing and as a bonus make the state some money.

Message:

We have been listening to the news concerning this horrific shooting this

Day. We are praying for all.

Please know how we admire the ones involved with the reporting. With special and specific praise for the Governor. His words of hope and encouragement were very clear, as well as eloquently. Regards.

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Message:

The time is now to support and enact wide-spread federal gun control.

Message:

When are you going to ban military style assault rifles ? Weapons of war have no place in civil society. Your inaction on this issue is tacit approval of the killer and others who are given the means to do the same.

Message:

Its not a lack of prayers, its not a lack of God in our schools, its not video games, its not even mental health. Its lack of gun control, ability to buy high capacity rifles, its hate and increase in white nationalist banding together on social networks to be bold and act on the hate. Its a president and state leaders who encourage hate or that one color is better than the other. This was not the first mass attack in Texas. Thoughts and prayers didnt work then and they didnt work yesterday. Stop being a coward to the NRA, to the president and to gun manufacturers. Stand up and protect this country. We are turning into a violent 3rd world countries you speak out and stock fear. We are a violent country that does not care to stop it. Why? Why do you not want to stop it? Why do you stock hate, allow hate speeches, not stand up to a president who stokes and condones hate. Texas is not Texas without Mexico. We are a Hispanic cultured state. Stop the hate, stop the violence, stop being scared to take a stand against guns.

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott. I, like all good Texans, am disgusted by the actions of one individual who decided to walk into the El Paso WalMart and indiscriminately mow down as many people as possible before fleeing the scene. As expected, the media, entertainment industry, and academia are all screaming for new gun control laws, rather than trying to address the real cause of this problem; an immoral society that has become ever more lawless over the past several decades. I believe that it is time for Texas to take the lead in addressing this problem in a real and effective way, so I respectfully offer the following suggestions as to legislation that could make a real difference, and set an example for the rest of the country.

1. Anyone who commits a crime using a firearm, regardless of age, ethnicity, or gender, receives a mandatory ten-year sentence without the possibility of parole or early release of any kind.

2. Anyone who commits such a crime a second time will receive life in prison, without the possibility of parole; and thereby be removed from society forever.

3. Anyone who commits a crime using a firearm, during which a killing occurs, will automatically receive the death penalty. Although such laws will not eliminate murders, or even these horrible mass murders, they will serve notice that, in Texas, gun crimes will be dealt with in a manner most severe; a notice that should at least dissuade some, if not most, of those who might contemplate such actions.

If I had my way, we would build a scaffold in Huntsville from which we would publicly hang all individuals who commit murder using a firearm, but in a society where the criminals are considered the true victims, this will not be possible.

Please consider calling a special session of the legislature to enact these or similar laws. It is long past time for the punishment of those who would slaughter their fellow citizens to fit their crime.

Message:

Dear governor Abbott, believable but it's heartbreaking to again watch just another senseless slaughter of innocent humanity. For the life of me and the many more to fall from this gun madness, why is the USA the only country in the world that has politicians that for political and selfish purposes allows this massacre of men, woman and CHILDREN to continue! The way I see it, twisting and hiding behind the second amendment is shameful and is a strategy that is obvious to the majority of Americans and the world. Unbelievable that this has worked for so long but for gods sake truth and reasoning has to prevail !

I can only hope for your sole that you are misguided and truly don't understand the positions that you have been taking over gun violence, that your political positions and policy influence on guns is not based on selfish purposes? I say this because life did serve you somewhat of a bad hand putting you in a wheelchair but you have to know there are far too many taken by gun violence and their families could only wish that their loved ones were alive today and could push them in a wheelchair.

Please I implore your PERSONAL response, your honesty so I can understand WHY?

Ken

Message:

I was horrified at your pithy, pusillanimous words you spoke in El Paso about the shooting. How dare you be so unengaged. How dare you say anything about God binding up the wounds. Get to work on Gun Control now. Real Gun Control. God never gave anyone the "Right" to own guns. I am beyond disgusted with your reaction, with that damn Donald trump's reaction, and with all of you so called conservatives and your weak fawning actions. Do something or get out the way.

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I am absolutely outraged at the latest events. Shootings are tragic...much less in my home state of Texas. There are TWO solutions and we need both. Much stricter gun control (background checks, mental health tests, family/friend checks, lock boxes, more difficult licensing, and banning of ALL rapid fire weapons and modification equipment) and mental health support.

The broader solution is a denouncement of the white nationalist movement and an end to President Trumps' racist and derogatory rhetoric toward anyone that threatens him. You must not support this man until he apologizes and begins making changes like I mentioned above. Please. Please. Please.

I will not vote for someone who spreads hate, whether red or blue. I will not vote for my Congressmen again if they do not take the CORRECT actions I mentioned above. You have been a shame to America and me, but that can change. I am willing to forgive. Do your job.

Message:

In light of the horrid massacre in El Paso, you are going to do everything you can except support reasonable gun control laws. I hope these needless deaths weight heavily on your heart.



Message:

I do not want a ban on guns however that does not mean we have an acceptable system. Please read this piece: https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/11/06/opinion/how-to-reduce-shootings.html There are sensible ways to create regulations that will save lives. I beg you to tell the President to stop his hateful rhetoric. I implore you to consider gun legislation.

Message:

Governor Abbott,

We have had another mass murder in Texas at the hands of a man with an assault weapon. You have a responsibility to keep the people of Texas safe from the recurring, horrendous acts.

I was born in Texas and have lived here all of my life. I was raised in a home with guns. I am not anti 2nd amendment. I am, however, a citizen that is pleading for action from the elected officials in our state. I pray for the victims and the families of those murdered. But I am sick of "thoughts and prayers " and "taken from us too soon". Inaction because of being beholden to the NRA is unacceptable. The time is now to do your job!

Message:

Mr Abbot, your words have fallen on deaf ears. This state needs a man that can stand up and fight for his people. That might sting a little but I'm not worried about your personal feelings.

Time to get out of that wheel chair and make a real difference.

God bless. End the carnage

Message:

Dear Govenor,

In the case of Patrick Wood regarding the mass shooting, I am opposed to the death penalty. it's a cruel method of punishment and too many innocent people have been executed in this country.

It doesn't seem to deter violence . instead we hear about more violence in the news almost everyday .

What would be so much more effective and less costly would be to have a simple responsible gun control law .

I am tired of the people screaming about their gun rights when so many innocent people have died. They don't care about anyone but themselves .

Cars also don't cause accidents people do but everyone must have a valid state license in order to drive safely.

Semi automatic weapons are designed with capabilities to kill several people and I'm sorry but the average Joe smith does not need one .please do the right thing . Abolish the death penalty and replace it with gun control. The politicians who continue to ignore this problem have too much blood on their hands.

Let me also point out that so many people don't know that they won't be saving money with the death penalty either. Thank you for taking the time to read our comments.

Message:

I am a seventeen-year-old high schooler and I believe that this country is so desensitized to mass shootings. Why do you support the NRA and why do you allow such organizations to continue funding you? Stepping aside from the money, guns are not needed for everyday life. A gun's only purpose is to harm or kill another human being's life and I don't think it's necessary to have a weapon readily available. I'm not just refering to the El Paso Mall shooting, though it is the most recent major mass shooting. The Santa Fe High School shooting back in 2018 where eight young students, my peers, and two teachers were fatally killed. There's been enough evidence to show that guns kill people; gun control needs to happen. As a Texan, I know that guns are part of the southern culture in some way. But as a Texan, I know that guns are a dangerous weapon if in the wrong hands. Gun control needs to happen: whether it's banning the sale of guns in the local Walmarts or stronger storage laws. Children are dying. This is a uniquely American problem and something has to change. Please, school is stressful enough already, I don't need to worry about dying by a stray gunshot on top of everything else.

Message:

YOU MUST DO SOMETHING about the the mass shootings in our nation. YOU are the person we chose to speak for us and you certainly cannot believe that any TRUE TEXAN believes that anyone should be able to have any firearm they want. YOU must take steps to enact comprehensive background checks and limitations on gun ownership by private citizens.

I grew up shooting and hunting. I married an Army officer. I am familiar with weapons. I can state UNEQUIVOCALLY no real sportsman needs a fully automatic anything. No citizen needs to own an assault weapon outside of military service. NO ONE SHOULD OWN ANY FIRE ARM WITHOUT FIRST PASSING A BACKGROUND CHECK. ANY PERSON WHO OWNS A FIRE ARM SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO RENEW THEIR LICENSE ON A REGULAR BASIS. THOSE LICENSE SHOULD INCLUDE SAFETY AND COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS.

This is not a difficult problem to begin to address. This is not a difficult moral issue to address. DO SOMETHING.

Message:

How dare you be party to recklessly allowing guns to be carried into any public space in your state. "Faith family and freedom " what a joke. If you cared you would make owning and selling assault weapons a crime. This is now your responsibility. Mr. abbott, Your words ring hollow. Thank you. W. Kelley

Message:

Texas age for purchasing a weapon – hand gun or any gun – should be 22. No exceptions. In response to the Walmart shooting where 18 people were killed, Texas should change its gun purchase and carry age to 22 (as should the rest of the states in our Union) for protection (not for violence towards innocent people). Because of the ongoing gun violence in schools, at houses of worship, malls, outdoor venues, parents of mass shooters should be held responsible for allowing access to guns by their children age 21 years of age and under. All family guns should be locked in a safe place and children 21 years of age and under should not have access to the keys to these locks. Parents should be responsible for gun use in the home in case of a burglary or break in and children should not be in use of these weapons. If an adolescent or young adult does get access to a weapon and uses it to harm others, parents should be held accountable (as well as the shooter) allowing parents to be prosecuted up to a year in prison for not properly safe guarding a weapon that their under age child has or has access to.

The age for purchasing a firearm should be changed to age 22 in every state. And any mental illness or domestic violence from children age 15 and up should be reported in the firearms data base. (At age 22 a handgun can be purchased, but not any automatic weapon. Special permit may be given to those for safety at age 25 who desire an automatic weapon (very restricted) – (making sure they need it for safety and have a clean background check.) A 7 business day waiting period should be required for all firearms. All purchases of a firearm should have this waiting period, so that a person can be thoroughly vetted.

Message:

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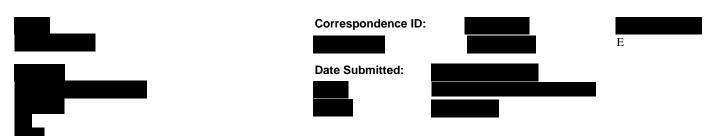
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Message:

We can't change the gun problem over night buy it didn't start over night either. Yes it will be a slow process but the right thing to do starting tomorrow!

1-stop all sales of non sporting guns to the public, no semi automatic hand guns or rifles! Sporting guns would be shot guns hunting rifle with limited amounts of rounds. Hand guns limited to small calibers such as, 22, 38, 45's etc..

2-no more internet gun sales

3-limit gun shows to sporting guns mentioned above.

4-limit ownership of non sporting guns to military and law enforcement.

5-retiring military and law enforcement must surrender guns used while they were active.

6-cut back gun manufacturing with no public sale other that sporting guns mentioned above.

7-gun manufacturers retool their business to product other made in America metal items such as tools, automotive parts, home goods,

etc.. These items can cut back on over seas imports, keeps jobs in the USA!

8-I immediately start a gun buy back program nation wide

9-amend the right to bare arms to specific weapons mentioned above.

10-tone done the NRA to days of old, teaching gun safety, managing shooting ranges for sporting guns.

11-send all the gun lobbyists packing no need for them to try and influence our government people.

12-all politicians need to not worry about how instituting law changes for the good of all Americans might effect their political future!

Please take the above seriously and discuss it with others.

I sent something similar 2 years ago but no one listen! If the would have maybe the recent tradgies could have been stopped.

Message:

I want gun reform, wait periods for buying guns and mental health in all schools. This senseless gun violence has to stop and it is your job to protect your citizens. Not sit by idly and send a prayer. I am a Christian and by the example of Jesus we are shown how He took action towards people that saved and helped them. He went to the people, He waited for people and showed them the way. We are to embody and live out His commandments. Not simply pray for them. You have the power to change this and to glorify God in the process.

Message:

Gov. Abbott, you have no doubt received many messages yesterday, today and surely in the coming days, about the events in El Paso and Dayton over the weekend. While this is a particularly somber time, it is also each of our collective responsibilities to dig deep and try to find solutions to what is clearly an epidemic in our country. I'm asking you -- not as your constituent, but as one person to another -- how many more have to die at the hands of senseless gun violence before you and other lawmakers take meaningful steps to try to at least correct the problem? Yes, I am an advocate of better gun laws -- and the man responsible for El Paso's tragedy was a white nationalist terrorist -- but at this point I am most concerned with doing something, anything to help change our violent course. If the answer is better support for mental health problems, pursue that. If the answer lies with gun laws, pursue those. But, please, do not do nothing. Do not allow your fellow lawmakers to do nothing. This is unacceptable. You work for us and your job is to protect us, which you have failed to do. Elected officials must be held accountable, and with each upcoming election, I will be voting for those who make efforts to achieve that accountability. Do the right thing.

Message:

Stop ducking the obvious. Antifa is not killing anyone. Republican white males who love Trump's s racist message are killing people LOTS OF PEOPLE. They are the domestic terrorists. Since your tongue is tied when it comes to rebuking the President, you can at least make an attempt at meaningful gun legislation. Semi-automatics have no place in society. We want ACTION!

Message:

After the recent mass shooting in El Paso, could you please consider enacting some form of common sense gun control.

As a mental health professional, I appreciate the extra money in my account, but it makes it really hard to do my job without Red Flag laws.

Please do something. Thanks.

Message:

Please pass Universal Background checks for gun purchases. There are too many guns in the hands of the wrong people.

Message:

Stop sitting around and letting us be killed because you are motivated by FEAR. Gun control, NOW.

Message:

"God be with you all." That's all Trump can say since he is not shouting his tweets that an illegal or a Muslim did the El Paso shooting. Maybe it comes back to haunt him that during his campaign, at numerous rallies, where a protester shouted and then was removed. I remember Trump stating at one rally. "Go ahead and rough him up. I'll pay your legal (lawyer) fees." On other occasions he had one news reporter physically removed simply because he was asking questions and Trump thought he was a foreigner. Turns out he was a USA citizen who is hispanic. Or "send her back" referring to one of four US Congresswomen because he didn't like them questioning his agenda.

I can go to Academy Sports right now and walk out in thirty minutes with an assault rifle or any weapon I want. Nothing but a driver's license to purchase it. It is insane that we have no mental health scrutiny for the purchase of guns and a waiting period. The NRA will be sending their check to you to keep anything from happening. We need more guns so we can kill more people. Security personnel everywhere but that doesn't stop a Trump inspired shooter. Act out your aggression. God and the NRA will be with you.

Message:

This letter sent today to Trump applies equally to you :

29 more deaths in mass shootings. Your response -- acts of cowardice. You failed to address this violence when requested by CNN. Cowardice. One of these murders espoused the white nationalist hatred you propagate. Prayers are pointless. You and the GOP continue to pray and Americans continue to die. You and they could pass legislation to address the problem. The House has sent it to the Senate where McConnell suppresses it.

Apparently this continual carnage is of no interest to you or the GOP. Another tool of fear to promote fear and your white nationalist agenda for political power. Your presidency is intentionally founded on death and suffering, hatred and lawlessness. Perhaps that is why neither the White House or the GOP has the decency to address these 29 deaths and scores injured to the American people. How can you or they commit to action when these shootings feed your vile agenda of hatred and violence? I accuse you and they of that because there is no other excuse for your tolerance of an epidemic of gun violence founded on your indefensible defense of "gun rights."

How you and Republicans have the audacity to pray is mindboggling when you and they are continually complicit in violating the "Thou shall not kill" commandment by inaction. And you and the GOP are as guilty of the deaths by these shooters as if you committed them personally. Your desire for power is obscene and revolting. Hiding behind the tenants of Christianity is the act of a coward and hypocrite. Worse it is a denial of the religion you profess.

Sadly, your hypocracy knows no bounds. Your prayers are worthless. Your sympathy is a sham. You need to accept that you are morally bankrupt. If you do not know it the American people do.

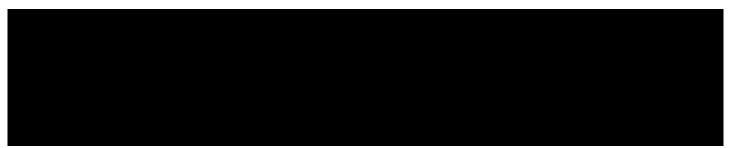
Message:

Mr Abbott

As a Texan living in Minnesota I have to say I am more than EMBARRASSED by your response to the El Paso domestic terrorist attack!! You have no guts or back bone to deal with this. Always the easy way out. USING mental health as the main problem. If this is true how are the mentally unstable able to get these weapons of war???? If I were one of the family members that suffered a loss today because of your inaction I would call you a COWARD to your face!! You're to worried about the NRA and getting re elected instead of doing the right thing!! It's EASY to sit around and not do anything. IT TAKES COURAGE....GUTS....MORALS....AND BACK BONE TO DO THE RIGHT THING!! It seems like you have none of the above. You're too SCARED of doing the RIGHT THING because you're AFRAID of losing the governorship!!! At least you would've done the right thing!! You're nothing but a lapdog to the NRA!! May God Bless you!!!

Message:

I am a young person watching this country being ripped apart, family members and fellow citizens dying every day due to senseless acts of violence. I can not understand why nothing has even been attempted. As far as I'm concerned, stopping the slaughter of innocent people everyday by murderers in Walmart's and high schools should be your only concern. Work on this problem. If that means putting real funding into tactics to identify potential risks or simply passing sensible and easy gun control laws, do whatever it takes. You are no leader to any persons if you can't at least attempt to stop the killing. Please try better. It's 2019. The past ten or so years have been a daily nightmare of domestic terrorists killing. Every day. Wake up. Help. Help!



Message:

It's a hate crime not mental health. Quit kowtowing to the white male and call it like it is. Ban assault rifles yesterday. No need for them in the great state of Texas. You and your party continue to be hypocrites enough already Shame on you.

Message:

Greg,

A couple of things.

First, there is no such thing as gun control. Only democrat gun confiscation plans against law abiding citizens. Use accurate terminology.

Second, with respect to the unpleasant events allegedly taking place at the Walmart in El Paso. Don't fall into the same Democrat trap you did in Santa Fe. So far, the press has not reported a single truthful fact (7:12pm).

So don't get lured into anything using misleading, misdirecting, Democrat fake news buzz phrases like "gun control", "assault weapons", etc. Only use factual terms like crime control. Do not mention the word guns at all. Use the word criminal, or criminals. I sourced most of the fake news reported propaganda being reported. Most is based on reporters interviewing other reporters about what, yet other reporters, guessed.

Respectfully,

31 years as a DEA Firearms & Tactics instructor.

10 years as a USMC Firearms & Tactics instructor.

40 years as a law enforcement Firearms & Tactics instructor.

Message:

These mass shootings are on YOUR head. The blood is on your hands.

GUN CONTROL NOW

Message:

The solution is NOT gun control.

In the book Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill: A Call to Action Against TV, Movie & Video Game Violence the authors say they "...believe the root cause is the steady diet of violent entertainment kids see on TV, in movies, and in the video games they play—witnessing hundreds of violent images a day. Offering incontrovertible evidence based on recent scientific studies and research, they posit that this media is not just conditioning children to be violent and see killing as acceptable but teaching them the mechanics of killing as well."

The conversation cannot be about gun control but about our society's acceptance of gun violence as entertainment. Check out the video games children and young people play for hours. They are usually first person shooting games where the violence is the fun.

Even on commercial television, (the nation's most popular baby sitter) you will never see a woman's bare breast, but you will see unabated, graphic violence any time of the day.

You tell me. Are young people just doing what they were taught to do?



Message:

Crocodile tears from a gun totin' politician whose basic impulse is to impose as much death and misery on the American public as possible. Why any civilian in the United States should carry a machine-gun type rapid fire military assault weapon defies all reason. Don't invoke God for a tragedy like El Paso. You are unholy, un-Christian and un-American.

Message:

Hi Gov. Greg, We listened to you give a speech after the very tragic Texas shooting on TV up here in MN. My husband and I support you in using the word God during your speeches no matter what you are speaking about. Thank you so very much for not being afraid to stand up for your beliefs of God. That's what our country needs. Personally, I believe that right now the U.S. seems to going towards a "Godless" country. Truly its very sad. We will all pay for this path of destruction that so many evil doers have chosen to follow.

Thank you and keep standing firm in your faith, we support you as you walk God's path. May He bless you with laughter, strength, endurance, wisdom, peace in His spirit and the love of those who surround you as you follow Him.

P.S

Keep using Gods and His greatness as you talk to the public, we will be praying for you!

Message:

In addition to stronger background checks on people purchasing guns and multiple rounds, this info should be shared with a main government office.

I urge congress to immediately set up a law beginning with this new school year: Every grade of school-- pre-kindergarten and on up thru 12th grade should have a full period class where students are taught (age specific) tolerance for others and respect for others. That there are black, white, brown, Asian, etc people and each and every person deserves respect and each is worthy. This would be the beginning of helping to stop the gun violence and mass shootings we are experiencing. Students in middle school and high school should be taught about the holocaust of Jews, etc. All of the mass shootings have been because of hatred and misinterpretations. At least this would be a first step. So far, nothing has been done and these type of shootings have been going on for years.

I have sent this same comment to my representatives in the federal congress, but knowing how they operate, they probably will not act on this. I'm asking that at least in Texas we could be a role model for other states to follow.

Message:

Mr Abbot,

I know after today's events you are busying so I don't expect a reply today, but I would like to know your thoughts if this gets passed to you.

First of all I am originally from Australia and so I come from a Country where guns were confiscated and in my opinion as well as many of my country kinsmen was the wrong move. I now live here in Fort Worth Texas and I am kind of a by stander watching everything.

But I wanted to put forth something, I think in your states forms that you fill out when you by a gun there is a question: "Do you or have you ever suffered from mental illness?" (Or something a long those lines.) Correct me if I am wrong but that is an honor system question right? I mean if doctor, patient privilage exists, that would mean that is something that can not be flagged. If this is so, I believe that is where the system is failing and guns are falling into the wrong hands, if it can not be flagged then people with mental illness would be able to buy them freely.

I believe this should be the trade off when being able to buy a gun, you have to forfeit your doctor, patient privilege. If you don't like that then sorry you don't get a gun today. If someone claims they have been healed from a mental illness then they need a doctor to sign off on it before a gun purchase can be made. I know some fellow second amendment supporters would not agree with me on this, and heck maybe you won't either, but I think this is better than criminalizing everyone for owning the guns of their choice, based on the actions of people who are insane.

Message:

Our heart is hurting for Texas, I was born there and have many relatives in the Texarkana area. It is a sad, sad time. I feel it is also sad that all this has been put upon the President and his supporters as white nationalist, this is just not true. Securing our boarders however is not racist it is sensible. It is also a good thing for those people who are here already. Finally tackling this immigration problem could be the nexus to help the many who have resided here and not committed crimes to find a way to amnesty. I support Trump but I realize their are many here and just want to live the lives they have built. I truly pray that congress will realize that fixing this issue helps those in the shadows also. It will also insure those coming here come with the hope of being productive. Eliminating gangs, terrorist, drugs, and human traffickers from taking advantage of our fluid boarders. You are a good kind man and my prayer would be you could help congress see not seeing to this issue puts these innocents at risk.

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El Paso, Texas mall shooting: At least 19 people dead, 40 injured, suspect in custody, police say. Summary of Texas Gun Laws: Texas is a shall-issue state with concealed weapons permits issued at the state level by the Department of Public Safety [https://txservice.org]

There is no permit, background check or firearms registration required when buying a handgun from a private individual.

Open carry is only legal with a Texas License to Carry (LTC) or a concealed carry license/permit from a state with reciprocity, provided the handgun is in a shoulder or belt holster. The minimum age is 21 years old or 18 years old for active-duty military.

Concealed carry is legal with a Texas LTC or a concealed carry license/permit from a state with reciprocity, and are issued to both residents and non-residents. They require a four- to six-hour training course as well as passing both a written exam and a shooting proficiency demonstration. Some areas are off-limits, including racetracks and secure areas of airports. In terms of reciprocity, Texas honors permits from states that meet specific criteria.

Texas is a Castle Doctrine and "stand your ground" state. Texas law presumes you acted reasonably and justifiably if you use deadly force to protect yourself against an unlawful, forceful intrusion into your occupied habitation (structures that are detached from where you sleep at night are not considered to be your habitation), vehicle or place of business or employment; or to prevent an unlawful, forceful attempt to remove a lawful occupant from the occupied habitation, vehicle or place of business or employment; or to prevent an to prevent certain serious felonies such as burglary or arson. There is no duty to retreat if faced with a situation where you have to use force or deadly force to protect yourself or

another.https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/active-shooter-near-el-paso-mall-police-responding-n1039001

Message:

Just letting you know thoughts and prayers aren't working to prevent mass shootings. Open to hear any other suggestions. The recent shooting in El Paso has me, once again, heartbroken.

Message:

Texas has had 20 mass shootings this year. I want more funding for better trauma centers since the thoughts and prayers aren't working.



Message:

Due to the recent mass shooting in El Paso, I am asking the state of Texas offer mental health services to the public. I feel we can agree, a person responsible for a mass shooting is also a person that would have benefited from mental health services.

Message:

Due to recent events in El Paso, I am asking the state of Texas offer a mental health program available to all residents. I feel we can both agree an individual responsible for a mass shooting is also an individual that would have benefited from accessible mental health care.



Message:

Thoughts and prayers, fine if you think that!s soothing. They will not stop future killings, mass and others. Easy access to automatic and semi-automatic weapons is behind today's carnage. That's not protected by the 2nd Amendment; it's protected by you and others who fail to ensure public safety because you put unfettered rights to own guns ahead of our safety.

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott Staff:

We need to make gun control a priority now. While the second amendment protects gun rights those rights shouldn't supersede the right to life.

We need to ban assault weapons now and close all loop holes that don't require a background check prior to fun purchases.

We should do much much more but that's the tiniest step towards a safer Texas.

Having more guns will not make us safer, we have 5% of the worlds' population and 42% of the guns. All that has created is more mass shootings.

Protect the American people and create more gun control.

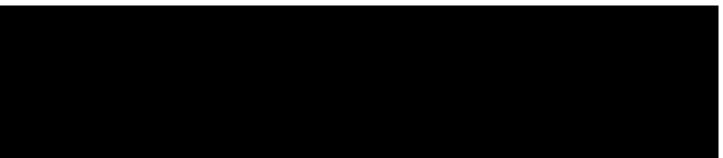
Thank you .

Message:

I'm sick and tired of hearing about gun rights in my state when it comes at the expense of Texans lives, I don't think any person who serves at the will of the people should ever ignore them and turn around and send thoughts and prays instead of enacting the will of the people and actually fighting for gun control not because it will make you popular or make people give you money but because it's the right thing to do. I'm not asking for all guns to be taken away but no one, ever, needs a semi auto rifle and hundreds of bullets in their possession unless they are affiliated with the military or the police. You are trading people's lives for political donations from the NRA and we the people of Texas will not stand for it.

Message:

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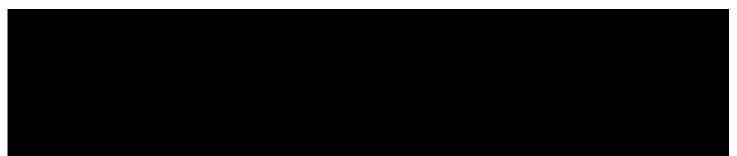
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Message:

Please ask yourself:

What are you doing to prevent gun violence in this country?

What are you doing to address the domestic terrorism/white supremacy problem in this country?

America is desperate for some gun legislation. Why can't we even pass background checks? What on earth id going on in our government?

I read this yesterday and it really resonated with me, from writer Steph Cha - "There is a point at which our right to bear arms diminishes our freedom to live our lives, and we are past it, we passed it years ago."

I told my 8-year-old daughter that we'd go to the mall today and pick up a new lunchbox for school. She's looking for something gaudy and covered in sequins, of course. After seeing news of the second shooting in Dayton, I find myself thinking, "Hmm is the mall likely to be safer if we go when it first opens? Am I willing to risk dying for a sequined lunch box or should we just stay home?" How utterly sad to be asking myself these questions on a Sunday morning. How utterly sad that staying locked in our homes has become the better choice in this country.

When I think of America now, I think of greed, guns, and white supremacy. And I know I'm not the only one, both here and worldwide. Please, PLEASE use your power for good. We have a white supremacy problem in this country and it leads directly to mass shootings. You can start there. Won't one of you take up the cause? PLEASE?

Message:

Fuck your thoughts and prayers! Do something about gun violence. Pass common sense gun legislation. As a resident of Nevada, I saw how after the worst mass shooting murder in our country, nothing was done. My congressional representative, a republican, voted no on gun legislation recently introduced to the House of Representatives. Stand up and do what the majority of Americans want and do something of substance to combat the plague of gun violence in our country. I have little faith in you because you are a member of the party of hate and division, the do nothing Trumpista GOP.

Message:

Unbelievable. There you are, talking about the horrific deaths of many of our citizens and our closest neighbors at the hands of yet another bigot, and YOU, cannot summon the courage to set aside your party politics. YOU cannot summon the courage to say that NO ONE should be able to get their hands on an AK 47s, or whatever those weapons of mass destruction are called. YOU cannot find the courage to say that they should not be allowed on our streets. YOU cannot summon the courage to ban ASSAULT WEAPONS? Assault weapons on our streets? In the name of God, when will your shallow heart be turned???? What in the name of God is the matter with you?

Message:

Governor Abbott,

I hope this message finds you well, and I wish it were under better circumstances. My name is Stephan Little, and I am a Texan much like yourself. I am shocked and horrified at the senseless shooting that occured in El Paso on August 3rd. I am angry that innocents were murdered in the name of racism and white supremacy, and I thank you for your comments condemning this racist act of domestic terrorism for what it is. Today, I urge you to continue to condemn this behavior, all the way through to the man provoking it, President Donald Trump, and enact meaningful gun control legislation at the state level to prevent these atrocities.

The shooter in yesterday's El Paso shooting has been identified as a racist white supremacist bigot who praised President Trump's racist rhetoric. These things are related, and we will continue to murderers who support President Trump and commit heinous acts of terrorism and white supremacy unless vile actions and words are condemned every time they occur, including when the President is the one saying them. I urge you to make an ongoing effort to condemn racism and bigotry from the President or anyone who looks to him as a beacon for their hate. Furthermore, as Governor of Texas you are a symbol of our great state, and I call on you to do what is right - not what pleases political allies - and fight to prevent gun violence at the state level. You tweeted in 2015 that you were "embarrassed" that Texas was being outpaced by California in gun sales. Today, I am heartbroken that Texans are murdering their innocent fellows with the gun sales you were so interested in then. I urge you to offer attempts at meaningful change alongside your thoughts and prayers over this tragedy.

Thank you for your time.



Message:

Governor Abbott: I just heard you speak at a news conference in El Paso. The deaths of 20 people is a tragedy. Mental health is certainly an issue in mass shootings. But sir, no civilian needs to own an AK47. Ever!

Message:

You will not receive my vote and I will work actively against your re-election unless you 1) sponsor/endorse/vote for meaningful gun control legislation and 2) refuse to take even a single penny from the NRA or any other pro-gun lobby.

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Governor Abbott,

I'm once again finding myself at a loss. How has this country not reformed our gun laws? It is inexcusable!!!! You are our voice, you MUST speak loudly about taking action to reform gun laws. We MUST look at a more comprehensive background check, we MUST look at increasing age limits (it's widely known that the frontal lobe isn't fully developed until around age 24, which is the area of the brain that helps regulate reasoning), and there is NO SCENARIO WHERE ASSAULT WEAPONS SHOULD BE OWNED. I'm fully aware that taking action will not prevent all gun violence, but the inaction is most definitely contributing to the rise of gun violence. The time has quite simply come and gone over and over again with the rise of mass shootings in this country. How can you be complacent? You were offered the opportunity to speak on CNN today and declined. That is not okay. You now get to own the fact that your inaction contributes to the crisis. I'm asking you to be silent no more. Speak out and demand new sensible gun laws.

A Native Texan,

Message:

Governor Abbott

- It is way past time to address the issue of gun control.
- 1. OUTLAW ASSAULT MILITARY STLE WEAPONS!
- 2. TIGHTEN REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO OWNING A GUN!
- 3. Change the laws about these secretive internet sights.

Talking about mental health and offering prayers is NOT enough! You are failing us! Do something that works. This is not rocket science!

Message:

As stated in a recent JAMA article, "The 36252 deaths from firearms in the United States in 20151 exceeded the number of deaths from motor vehicle traffic crashes that year (36161).1 That same year, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 5 people died from terrorism. Since 1968, more individuals in the United States have died from gun violence than in battle during all the wars the country has fought since its inception.". As a physician who has seen firsthand the impact of gun violence, I urge you to pass background check legislation. This is becoming an epidemic, and it is completely preventable.

wessage:

Please investigate the El Paso event thoroughly, as the Las Vegas event was not. People still don't know how the LV shooter got all those guns into the room without someone noticing. Which leads people to assuming it was a deep state manipulated event. The anti gun zealots will do anything to take our rights including murder. Don't let the communists pressure you into gun control when that would not have stopped any of this. They are are vile evil people, those communists and we must stop them!

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I do understand that by no means is this a Texas problem; as a Virginian I live in the state that supplies most of the illegal guns used in killings throughout the mid-Atlantic and northeast. However, here at least we have a governor who's trying in the face of Republican whose only answer is to pray and thump their Bibles some more (apparently, Jesus would want all of us to carry AR15s at all times).

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Message:

Common sense gun control is needed right NOW. Please stop allowing the NRA to guide policy.

Message:

White supremacy is a rising threat and the leading motivation for domestic terrorism in the United States and needs to be treated as such. Between 2017 and 2018 the ADL reported that white suprematist propaganda which can include fliers, stickers, banners and posters that promote hateful ideology rose 182 percent to 1,187 cases. SPL reports that U.S. has more hate groups in 2018 than at any point in at least the past two decades (over 1,000 separate groups). The FBI reports that in 2017, hate crimes rose 17% - a trend that has been ongoing for three years - with over 7,000 reported.

Just ONE WEEK ago, the FBI stated that most domestic terror cases they investigate are driven by white nationalism and white supremacy. Wray stated in testimony to congress that "homegrown violent terrorism was the single biggest threat to the country"

The white men at Tree of Life, at Gilroy, at El Paso, and probably at Dayton -- they are terrorists. Full stop. They follow an antisocial ideology that is slowly fed to them on YouTube starting with "self help" videos aimed specifically at young (white) men, and then into darker and darker places as those videos slowly introduce other, more extreme people, and ideology.

It is a problem. It needs to be named and addressed to protect this country. We don't need \$6 billion for a wall, we need political leadership to speak out frankly and honestly and specifically (even if it isn't politically expedient - and if it isn't politically expedient, what does that say about your base), and we need to seriously address white nationalism and supremacy inside our law enforcement and armed forces, AS WARNED ABOUT BY THE FBI.

This is the REAL domestic issue for Americans. This is the REAL threat that is killing citizens from coast to coast. It needs to be named, it needs to be addressed, and it needs to be treated with the gravity and seriousness that that thousands of dead reflect. Young white men are being lured into white supremacist and nationalist ideology by people who very likely support you. By people the GOP base enjoys listening to. You have to reflect on what that means and what your responsibility is to put a stop to this.

This doesn't have anything to do with guns. This has everything to do with increasing radicalization on the right.

Message:

your office your state the president of the United States should be held accountable for the mass shooting and El Paso Texas Gilroy California the victims of these shootings domestic terrorists hate crimes motivated by Trump's wall motivated by Trump's anti-immigrant agenda against African-Americans Mexicans Latinos Hispanic Indians and Jews he should face liability lawsuits like your state of Texas for violating people's silver Rights human rights and an international court and also courts in the United States once again this agenda of white supremacy white power is motivated by President Trump he should be held liable he should be removed from office for the many many hit that have died and these domestic terrorist attacks hate crimes against Mexicans Latinos Hispanic African Americans Indians and Jews in the United States once again your office should be held liable I will ask senators and the Democratic party and throughout the state of Texas to sneak liability lawsuits against a president for promoting racism hate and white power and also white supremacy and allowing KKK hate groups to operate freely move freely in the United States with high-capacity weapons machine guns AK-47 like the Santa Barbara sheriff's department the San Diego sheriff's department San Diego San Bernardino sheriff's department Sacramento sheriff's department Riverside county sheriff department at law to white supremacy white racist hate groups like the KKK to burn flags burn crosses throughout the counties that I just mentioned once again your office should be held liable for violating people's silver Rights human rights in the state of Texas with this crazy dog should stink and gringo once again is motivated by Trump and his hatred he should be locked up meaning those within the state of Texas that support Trump's wall is all bulshit Mexico will never pay for the damn war I I haven't got medicine out of these crooked Mexican bastards that reside on the San Diego side in Chula Vista and la Jolla and Coronado in rancho Santa Fe in lomita in Bonita California and also San Antonio Texas once again the people that were victims and this crunching file liability suits against the state of Texas is the city of El Paso county sheriff's department the district attorney the FBI the US attorney general's office in El Paso and San Antonio and Houston and Washington DC file civil rights and also liability lawsuit against the attorney general of the United States William Barr for allowing white supremacy hate group to operate freely throughout the United States within sheriff and also police departments and commit these hate crimes across the United States this is an act of terrorism domestic terrorism by white supremacy hate groups like the KKK area Nation Aryan brotherhood and once again Governor you should be held liable for allowing white supremacy groups throughout your state of Texas and also El Paso for allowing these white bigoted dock ships sinking gringos to bypass border patrol and Van Horn and not be stuck with all these assault rifles in its possession their possession assault rifles and military style machine guns and so and so and so on so once again I believe that you should be removed from office of President should be impeached the sheriff of Santa Clara county should be sued and resign from her post and also the Gilroy police chief the US attorney general's office in San Francisco and San Jose should be held liable for these deaths every was a hate crime it was a domestic terrorist attack against the people Gilroy against the people of El Paso Texas most of those targeted were Mexican Hispanic Latino en El Paso like in Gilroy California them stupid racist Nazis at the FBI us attorney general's office the sheriff's department in Santa Clara county San Francisco us attorney in San Francisco San Jose cannot figure it out it was a hate crime a domestic terrorist attack in Gilroy garlic festival Cannes the people that were there men in attendance Mexicans Latinos or Hispanics blacks were targeted two children were killed the Mexican Latino Hispanic and also when African-American them stupid ass Nazi fat asses with in the Santa Clara district attorney the FBI in San Francisco the US attorney in San Francisco refuse to investigate this crime as a hate crime they should be removed from office and face penalties and face prison x 4 violin people civil rights human rights and should be held liable like the president for promoting has anti-immigrant agenda and his wife power and white supremacy and KKK Powers throughout the state of Texas

Message:

Do your job to keep Texas safe, BAN ASSAULT RIFLES. Do your joblead.

Message:

You must ban ak47s and automatic weapons, large magazine capacities and require waiting periods. Open carry should also be completely gone. You could've stopped what happened in El Paso. You can stop it from happening again.

WILL YOU?

Message:

This weekend, more Americans were killed by senseless, preventable gun violence. Your constituents, including myself, would like to see your leadership in passing gun safety legislation that saves lives. Thank you for your time.

Message:

With a mass shooting occurring EVERY DAY in the United States, the tragedy in El Paso is because lawmakers have failed to stop the problem. I want a reply from the Governor about how he will stop guns from getting in the hands of people in the street. These are the weapons I used in Special Forces training. I am a Senior Officer in the Military and a Commercial Pilot, my job is to keep people safe. I am scared to go to the mall or a public event.

GET THE GUNS OFF THE STREET.

I want a personal reply about what is going to be done, not more worthless words about concern for the victims.

You have my e-mail and phone number.

Message: Reassigned to KG, 8-6

8/21/19

Message:

How many more deaths from white nationalists? How much more hateful rhetoric coming from Washington DC? No more prayers. Do something to stop these assault weapons.

Why not ban the sale of magazines for assault weapons? Does that make sense? You can't confiscate all these weapons from the nuts who have them, but you can stop them with legislation from buying them.

Thank you.

Message:

After the shooting in El Paso, it is time to do something about gun laws and white supremacy in Texas. We have a responsibility to keep guns out of the white terrorists hands! Please make sensible gun laws in our great state a priority!

Message:

Im watching your press conference right now. Its good that youre expressing support for victims, their families, and the City of El Paso. Its not good that you have said absolutely nothing about controlling access to the guns that cause this level of carnage.

I call on you to demonstrate your commitment to the citizens of this state by working with Senator Cornyn, Senator Cruz, and the Texas Congressional delegation to enact common sense gun legislation. Like the majority of people, I endorse these measures:

- 1. Mandating universal background checks and a 14-day waiting period for all gun purchases;
- 2. Requiring a minimum purchase age of 21;
- 3. Licensing for all firearms, which cannot be obtained without the owner taking comprehensive gun safety training;
- 4. Prohibiting private gun sales and sales at gun shows;
- 5. Imposing a ten-round magazine limit;
- 6. Reinstating absolute bans on automatic and semi-automatic guns;
- 7. Banning bump stocks and cranks;
- 8. Mandating biometric locks;

9. Strengthening prohibitions on those with ANY domestic violence or assault charges or convictions being able to obtain a gun;10. Drastically increasing the criminal penalties for those who are negligent in how they keep and store their guns in situations where someone was harmed and/or killed because of their negligence;

- 11. Prohibiting the sale of realistic looking toy guns that can lead to police making grievous errors in judgment;
- 12. Repealing the Dickey Amendment so that the CDC can gather and analyze data on gun violence; and
- 13. Requiring all states to implement procedures for obtaining GVROs (Gun Violence Restraining Orders).

Im old enough to remember when the NRA was focused on responsible gun ownership and firearm safety. Sadly, it has become an organization representing gun manufacturers that profit from violence, death, paranoia, and mayhem.

And even more regrettably, the Second Amendment seems to have been tacitly rewritten to mean that anyone can buy as many guns as they wish to own and may use them with impunity; if you get hurt or killed, too bad.

Of all the freedoms we enjoy, the right to be safe in public spaces is paramount. Please separate your support for the Second Amendment from the agenda of the NRA. We deserve to live.

Message:

Gun Reform now: If not at the federal level, we must do so at state and local level.

Congress must recognize that the motives behind mass and school shootings might be different but the mechanisms are all the same: access to high caliber weaponry intended to invoke the most amount of harm in the shortest amount of time.

- 1. Ban any and all guns/bullets that can be used to inflict rapid and multiple deaths in a short span of time.
- 2. Include Domestic Terrorism with swift and harsh consequences under federal law.
- 3. Universal background checks with NO loopholes.
- 4. Government or NGO buy back programs for gun/assault weapons.
- 5. Harsh denouncement by Congress of Presidential use of racist or any other hateful rhetoric.
- 6. Expansion of mental health coverage and screening programs
- 7. Provide Federal gun violence research funding as a public health emergency.

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Let El Paso be the last preventable mass shooting in Texas.

Message:

I am writing this letter to express my concerns about the recent influx in gun violence in Texas. Obviously you have been made aware of the El Paso shooting that took place on August 4th. No matter what party anyone aligns with I think we can all come to the conclusion that it was especially heinous, given the fact that his manifesto referred to Mexican Americans as "invaders". What I am curious about though is the refusal to call the attack what it is by many Texas politicians. It was, by definition, a terrorist attack. I know the local authorities have declared it domestic terrorism, but our political leaders (the people we look to for reassurance in times of crisis) have refused to even call it a hate crime much less a terrorist attack. While I believe this is a problem in and of itself, it is not the reason I am writing this letter. I am writing it because something has to be done. I understand most of our representatives will never be for gun control, I get it, but we have to find a solution. When I went shopping for backpacks for my senior year and saw a mom buying a bulletproof backpack for her child at a retail store I realized this is so much bigger than the petty and corrupt two party politics game you're all playing. Put. It. Aside. If you want to keep your gun laws the same, that's your prerogative. Cater to the NRA all you want. But I am begging you, for the sake of mine, my classmates, and our future children's lives, put your big boy pants on, combine forces, and find a solution so that this NEVER happens again. I can't stand to see anymore good people die, especially because of something they have absolutely no control over. Thank you for your time.

Message:

Please consider supporting Universal Background Checks. So many deaths happening on your watch, I think it's time for you to do something. Even if not background checks, please take actual steps instead of just offering words. The major mass shootings are reaching every community in every corner of our state. Please help us.

Message:

Mr. Abbott, yoy should be ashamed for not taking a stand on gun control. Prayers do not help our people. God gave you a heart and the ability to help protect people. Do your job

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott:

Have you finally had enough? So far, as of today alone (8/3/2019) at least 20 people are dead. At least, two dozen more are injured.

This IS war, race-based war.

How many people must die before you do something to stop this insanity? Now, White Nationalists/Supremacists have a new "God" in the WHITE House. You may not be able to hinder them in other states, but you can in your own.

In the name of God, the REAL God, you need to act.

Ban assault weapons of all types, military-style weapons have no place on our streets, regardless of the state. Ban gun show loopholes and force universal background checks.

Our nation is on the brink of another civil war. Which side are you on? Please do your job.

Ric Melton.

Message:

Two mass shootings this weekend, leaving nearly 30 people dead. WHEN WILL OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ACT? When will you do SOMETHING to stop this epidemic of violence?

Advocate for responsible gun control

Support community based interventions to reduce gun violence through educational programs

Support closing legal loopholes that allow people to buy guns without background checks from private sellers, gun shows or websites

Stop being influenced by the NRA

Stand up to the violent and racist rhetoric coming from the current administration

Thoughts and prayers mean nothing if you do not act. You that have done nothing to stop this violence have blood on your hands. This state deserves better.

Message:

Dear Mr. Abbot,

Your constituents are calling on you to be the leader in the nation on gun control. I understand that there are many people in our state who love their guns and hold tightly to their right to bear arms. The tides have changed and those guns are no longer used as trophies or for the occasional

target practice with buddies. A gun in the wrong hands only serves one purpose- to murder as many people as possible in a short amount of time.

It is obvious. Please do the right thing. Take the moral high road and risk upsetting some for the safety of all. You can be a leader in our nation for some common sense legislation. Follow the example of our friends in New Zealand and shut it down. I will hold you personally responsible if any of my 5 children are hurt by gun violence.

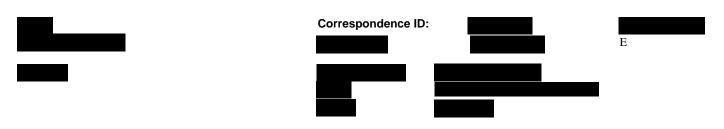
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In lieu of the most recent shootings in the United States, my concerns have become elevated for the safety of innocent civilians. I am a convicted felon Sir, 3 D.W.I.'s. I am completely guilty and accept what I am and have done, however, I have never harmed nor threatened anyone or anything, may I request your assistance in figuring out how to get my rights back so that I may possess a firearm? My last D.W.I. was in 2006. I have done my time. I have caused no other issues. Will you point me in the right direction if possible at all?

Respectfully yours,

Message:

As a teacher and mother, I am incredibly concerned about mass shootings. I would love to see Texas be a state that leads the way in gun reform and mental health assistance. What is your plan to ensure our schools, malls and places of worship will be safe from active shooters?

Thank you for your time.

Message:

Dear Governor,

Today you stated, "We need to focus more on memorials before we start the politics." In other words, you will do nothing. You will point to mental illness as a primary issue that needs to be addressed or give the tough-talk about making Texas churches, shopping malls and schools more secure. You will speak solemnly about 2nd Amendment rights and the need for citizens to be vigilant. However, you will say nothing and do nothing about assault rifles and high powered firearms so often used in mass shootings throughout Texas and elsewhere. You will wait until all of this blows over. That is what Wayne LaPierre does. When the next mass shooting in Texas occurs, please man up and ask yourself why you did nothing to keep high-powered firearms out of the hands of the crazed and the criminal. Shame on you.

Message:

Dear Governor Abbot,

While I appreciate your efforts to provide support for the People and City of El Paso after today's mass shooting, I would hope you and your administration can go further.

So far this year, there have been 248 mass shootings in the United States. Like today's shooting, the crimes are being carried out NOT by people from Central America, but by white, mostly young, males....who have been able to obtain a gun. Governor, it is time for you, and all other Governors in this country to stop the sale of assault weapons. It is time for you to pass legislation to do background checks. I doubt that Congress is able to do this, as the vast majority of republicans are accepting donations from the NRA and other gun rights organizations....and therefore vote the way the NRA wants them to vote. I would also suggest that you do whatever you can to stand up to and stop the racist in the White House. The hatred and encouragement of violence "tweeted" daily must end.

Message:

Please call the legislature back or when the legislature comes back, please encourage the legislature to pass a background check, ban gun shows and online buying of guns, and pass red flag laws. I understand that you encourage looser laws on gun handling, storage and purchases. Actions and vetos like the ones you have done are why I did not vote for you as governor despite voting for republicans in the past. I hope that the senseless deaths of our fellow Texans in El Paso and the fact that the Dayton killer bought his AR-15 from an online retailer in Texas will serve as a wake-up call. Do something.

Message:

Governor Abbott, I am a native Texas and was listening today to the press conference about El Paso and heard you speak. Of course all about mental health, but not one word against your good buddies at the NRA, that really like you and give you lots of money and support. You probably recognize the term " Stinking Thinkin", well you have "Stinking Motives" to play down that guns that have no business on the streets. Mealy mouthed, corrupt politicians portend sympathy and point anywhere but where the blame lies, AT YOUR FEET. You live for and in the pockets of private interests. I am gonna be really happy when the state returns to its natural color, BLUE. The whole world is watching. Your constituent

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott,

I just heard your statement on TV after the El Paso shooting.

Though your intentions may have been sincere, your words were totally inadequate and useless. Without proposed and adopted gun control actions, I think you knew that as you spoke.

I and the majority of American listeners are so enraged... when will your State (other States) & the Federal Govt. legislate & enforce TIGHTER BACKGROUND CHECKS and bring back the BAN of ASSAULT WEAPONS ? Do something!

Sincerely,

Message:

We are tired of living in fear walking into movie theatres, grocery stores, entertainment events, even neighborhoods. These shootings must stop and the only way we see that happening is putting an end to gun violence. The only way to do this is through restricting gun laws. Please do your part. People are dying every day because of guns and the lack of gun control. Please fight for gun control because when you do this, you're saving lives. Thank you for all that you do and all of your efforts. Thank you for representing our community and I look forward to the change to come. Finish

Message:

First I want you to know I'm a believer in gun rights, but there is no reason in the world for citizens to own or be able to purchase assault rifles. What's it going to take to ban these evil weapons? The only people who should be allowed to have assault weapons are law enforcement and military. We have turned into a country where our politicians lean toward those people and companies that line their pockets rather than do what is right for the protection and good of citizens they represent. There is no more time for what is becoming empty words of condolences, it's time to do what's right and ban assault weapons. Let Texas stand up and lead the country on this. Thank you.

Message:

Lt. Gov. Patrick's statement blaming the shooting in El Paso on video games ignores the fact that the shooter is. White Supremacist who was radicalized by racist rhetoric.

He should immediately be asked to stop with that nonsense.

As an El Pasoan what he said was offensive and denigrates the lives of those affected by this tragedy.

Message:

Suspect in mass shooting

Based on the information you have put out so far, I can surmise the following:

1) Mass Murder in which the individual killed more than one individual

2) Hate Crime in which, if his manifesto depicts the targeting of a certain group of people, irrespective of others being injured or killed in the process

3) Terrorist in which the individual, instead of using an explosive device, used a direct fire assault weapon to kill and injure a mass populous, which also created panic and hysteria.

4) Murder in the 1st Degree for each death caused by his actions and intent.

5) Other slew of charges are applicable

The intent is already established within the suspect's manifesto.

We do however need to question him and anyone to find out what drove him to this point. Question School Teachers, Counselors, and Parents, everyone who has had any contact with him throughout his life. Was he bullied, by whom and why? Was he on any medication, etc? This way, information can be helpful to possibly prevent another individual from taking this kind of action.

Message:

A Fox News Correspondent, Chris Wallace, and others trying to draw a conclusion that these killings are conducive to White Nationalists. You, the Mayor of El Paso, Law Enforcement are still gathering evidence and factual information. One thing to find out, and I'm sure everyone is, is whether this individual is tied to any particular group or whether this individual acted on his own accord, but spewing White Nationalist rhetoric. I would send out a message to ALL NEWS ORGANIZATIONS that the investigation is still ongoing, to develop ALL FACTUAL INFORMATION, and that you criticize those who attempt to draw conclusions on their own and report it as such. We have enough going on in our country that we must deal with, we don't need the News Media to fuel what may not even be there, since not all the facts are in.

Message:

Regarding what transpired in El Paso, I keep track of incidents like this in order to put together information that may be beneficial in helping our society in better understanding. I am working on a book that could benefit law enforcement, politicians, and people in general to better understand the actions of others. There are plenty of books, yes, in the psychology and some are quite informative, but those are based on some individuals that may/may not be proficient in that field. I study the demographics of incidents, their locations themselves, the societal issues impacting those locations, and individual impacts on to societal locations.

We all know that crime happens anywhere and everywhere in our nation, some more than in others. What I need to know to help me to help determine the actions of others in a society, especially in this case, is the demographics of the people who were impacted by this heinous crime. I need to know what the demographics of the people who were unfortunately killed and those that were injured. The constant rhetoric of racism being tossed around today, like candy to children, needs to be acknowledged or dispelled in these incidents. We both know that people react in varying ways to certain variables in their lives and can take negative actions, at times, that people just don't understand. I want to attempt to shed more light in this arena, so that people will not just jump to conclusions, or counter-react in a negative way.

If you could assist me in providing that data, I would greatly appreciate it. I can guarantee that this information will not get out to the media or the people, until you and the Mayor of El Paso are ready, but I can get this information in my book. I'm not doing this for money, but rather to educate and the sooner I can get this out, maybe we can stem this tide of this type of violence. You can send this information to the email address provided.

Thank you, and may God be with you and Bless you all!

Message:

Beto O'Rourke politicizing this event. He's throwing out speculation, without facts. Someone can write a manifesto, but does not mean that was intent. One must investigate with open eyes. O'Rourke already calling this a hate crime based on race, which I know there was no single race that was attacked. He could very well hinder the investigation further by fueling the fire. This is so irresponsible of him and he should not be President at all. He's going to instigate even more problems. My opinion.

Message:

First, my condolences to those who were injured and to those families who have lost a loved one in this horrific tragedy. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone in El Paso.

I watched your panel during the news media questioning and I want to let you know that you and those on that panel conducted yourselves very professionally and handled all questions admirably. Nothing should be put out to the public via news agencies that could hinder the investigative and legal processes. I would highly recommend that each of Texas' cities and counties conduct themselves this very same way. Unlike what happened in Chicago.

I visit Texas from time to time, and may be visiting soon again as I may be helping my Daughter and possible future Son-in-Law locate and purchase a home there. I look stringently at crime rates or even possible crime in various areas and we all need to get a better handle on minimizing and hopefully eliminating crimes in all our communities.

One suggestion though. I know that all those officers involved in this tragedy did an outstanding job in getting to the scene as quickly as possible, based on their locations at the time. A lot of injury and death can occur in 6-minutes when officers are responding. We need to get this down to 1 minute by any responding officer(s). I would look at having officers within that time frame near our schools, malls, movie theaters and the like. You may need to hire more officers to accomplish this, but if responding, even with the first officer on site within that 1-minute window, can save even more lives and prevent further injuries. Only a suggestion.



Message:

This murderer bought an assault rifle legally, carried it legally into a Walmart, and killed 20 people, wounding 26. Thoughts, prayers, and hugs will not end this nightmare. Assault rifles are weapons of war, and should not be in the hands of civilians. Open carry laws lead to gun violence.

DO SOMETHING! Establish reasonable gun control laws. Background checks are supported by a majority of the American people. Reinstitute the assault weapons ban in this country.

Message:

Texas is the now capitol of mass murders, thanks to lax gun laws. We need common sense gun control laws to protect innocent Texas from domestic terrorists and criminals.

Message:

El Paso shooting and crime scene and bodies. The scene that got to me was a photo in front of store where a body was beside a silver dodge ram in handicap parking. I don't know how long body was there before removal. Our current penal code calls for everyone to from ME and law enforcement to check out where bodies are located. Penal code needs to be revised on mass

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Message:

Watching news about El Paso shooting. Thoughts and prayers just don't cut it. We need sensible gun laws and we need them now. Stop being a tool of the NRA and start doing your job to protect the people of Texas.



Message:

Hey, Texas, give up your damn guns. Governor Abbott, instead of praying and congratulating after the fact, why can't government act to prevent these catastrophes before hand. Like tell Trump to cut it out. Like enact gun controls. Like suppress racism instead of voters.

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott, as a proud Texan I'm deeply saddened by the ongoing gun violence in our country and in particular the recent shooting in our state. GUN control MUST be a priority. I understand that we have the right to bear arms but the type of "arms" being used today by these shooters is out of control. What is the point in the average American needing a AK assault riffle???

Lastly, when I watched the news this morning and they showed your response to the El Paso shooting... Well I was yet again taken back in disappointment. You said that this kind of activity/violence is NOT allowed in our state. Well Governor, I have news for you. Sad to say that the shooter is a resident of Texas and bought his weapon in his suburban North Dallas/Texas neighborhood. If YOU truly don't want this kind of violent activity in our state then I urge you to please ban these weapons in our state. I'm fully aware that these shooters had other issues that lead up to these shootings but the sad result is that innocent lives were taken by assault weapons.

Please, let me say it again. Please work with BOTH sides of the isle and make this a priority of your agenda so the citizens of Texas and across the country can feel safe.

Respectfully,



Please use your power to help end the insanity that is gun violence in America. Two mass shootings in 24 hours, 250 in 8 months! To say there is nothing you can do is an abdication of your responsibilities as an elected official. I am holding you accountable - please fight for the lives of the Texans you serve.

Message:

August 4, 2019

Dear Governor Abbott,

I would like to express my condolences on the recent tragedies towards the State of Texas, the families of the victims and citizens of the United States.

Hello, I am a registered voter from New York State. I am saddened, again, today for the recent shooting and killing of innocent human beings that occurred in Texas and Ohio.

I believe in the 2nd Amendment but also promote the initiative for stronger gun control. This is a matter of life over death. We as a country are not gaining protection of all individuals due to spineless mediation from the Senate and Congress.

I am requesting that you, as on of our leaders, get together with all representatives in every state and pass stronger gun control. I believe this issue is of utmost importance facing our society right now.

I am also requesting all representative to ask President Donald Trump to address the American people "immediately" on his guidance for protecting all individuals, young and old, to what has recently happened.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott,

I used to live in Dallas (6008 Monticello). It pains me to hear about more death from guns anywhere, but certainly in Texas.

PLEASE make changes to reduce gun violence! There are federal controls for the sale of cigarettes, alcohol and prescription drugs. It's time to fix the gun problem!

This needs to be a straightforward change--NOT a reduction of one's right to bear arms.

Guns, like cars:

* Have serial numbers. Require registration of all firearms.

* Can be sold multiple times. Issue a "title transfer" document for each sale, from the manufacturer to the dealer to the individual users.

* Can kill people. Require a skills test and issue a license to use a gun, with restrictions for use to accommodate health issues, similar to an eye test for a driver's license. This could include a mental health test, and would be required at each renewal as well.

* Need "fuel," in the form of ammunition. A valid license should be presented to buy ammunition and accessories that amplify the firepower of any gun.

* Should require insurance coverage for each purchase, due to their inherent danger.

* Should have a minimum age for use--again, like cigarettes and alcohol.

Thank you for bringing this violence to an end!

Best regards,

Message:

Gov. Abbott. I can trace my heritage back over 4 generations through EACH of my 4 grandparents. They were country people who hunted. I am in my 50's. I understand why one might have guns but have no comprehension as to why assault style/high capacity/war designed weapons should be allowed on our streets. When will you and your party stop playing politics and show moral courage? Please listen to reason and implement gun control.



Message:

Thoughts and prayers are not enough. We demand that you work to immediately pass common sense legislation to reduce gun violence and save lives.

Message:

You are a hypocrite ! I hope you "cherish" you A+ rating by the nra

Shame on you

Message:

I copied below an email sent to the El Paso Police Department a few minutes ago.

Governor Abbott needs to make an announcement and resign his position immediately.

Subject: EL PASO MASS SHOOTING TRAGEDY: SATELLITE TORTURE

El Paso Police Department and The City of El Paso,

Was the shooter "hearing voices"?

If so, he was being tortured by satellite. You know that. The FBI knows that. Governor Abbott knows that. The media knows that.

Most, if not all, mass shootings and other mass tragedies were caused by satellite torture. You know that. The FBI knows that. Governor Abbott knows that. The media knows that.

All of you continue to cover up the Satellite Weapon and the real cause of mass shootings. It is monstrous behavior.

The City of El Paso is responsible for the contents of the attached documents.

This is a medical, national and international emergency.

Make an announcement please.

Thank you,





Message:

Im so angry I dont even know what to say anymore. TWENTY PEOPLE DIED IN EL PASO BECAUSE OF YOU. Yes, because of YOU. Because you enable this racist, fear-mongering President. Because you tweet that Texans need to buy up more guns to appease the NRA. How much more obvious can this get? A pathetic, small man drove NINE HOURS to kill as many Mexicans as possible. Do you not wonder why? Its because you sick, twisted Republicans in power, controlled by the NRA, controlled by Donald Trump are selfish, fear-mongering racists. This is OUR STATE. These were OUR RESIDENTS. Look what you have done. I am heartbroken and you should be too. Denounce this president. Stop with the mental health bullshit. We have a gun problem. We have a white supremacy problem. You need to fix it NOW. SHAME ON YOU.

Message:

How many people have to die before we get some rational gun legislation? Put aside your pandering to the rabid right. We have to do something to stop home grown terrorism. Texas is moving towards blue. You have to step up to protect people from the terrible gun violence which plagued the United States. What is happening to us that we continue to allow this?

Message:

Governor Abbot, You are truly a piece of shit. It wasn't enough to build border walls for the piece of shit Hitleresqe President Trump? Now you have all of these Hispanics murdered by someone dealing with heart control from the Aerospace Satellite operations. Don't you have enough money? I truly hope you are the next victim. I hope you are hung like the true terrorist you are. Regards, Lisa

Message:

Are you people pleased with your gun policies now? As sad as this event was, perhaps the people in Texas will elect an enlightened mayor next time.

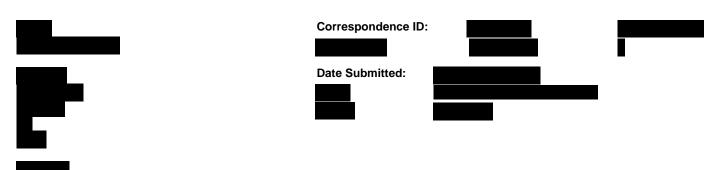
Message:

Hey Gov,

Encouraging your Texas citizens to buy more guns- just to surpass California? You DUMB FUCKER! You ignorant FUCK should be fired. Irresponsible dumbass. Go fuck yourself!

You and all of your fellow dumbass pieces of shit are going to lose your jobs. Why? Because you are not working for the people. You are working for the NRA.

Your citizens will VOTE YOU OUT. You don't deserve the position you are in.



I am registering my voice with you, Governor Abbott, as a lifelong Texan extremely concerned about the out of control gun violence and mass shooting in our state and nation. We need red flag laws, assault weapon bans, universal background check with no loopholes, and magazine/ammunition limits now. Texans are fed up with inaction and are scared to go anywhere anymore.

Message:

Governor Abbott, El Paso Texas Government, Police Department, FBI, and others:

First I would like to send my condolences to all who live in El Paso, especially those hurt in todays shooting at a mall. It is sad what is happening in this country.

Next I would like to share with you my opinion about the problems in this country. I believe Facebook is to blame for a lot of today's problems involving both young, old, and in-between. I don't think it's a good thing for this country. It's really only good for someone trying to make money from involvement with the foundation. I think it is really bigger than any of us. It is out of control and even the people who founded it cannot handle how big it has become.

I also believe with all my heart Dietary Supplements, especially DHEA which becomes a steroid once it metabolizes several times after being swallowed, can cause a number of what appears to be mental conditions which are actually physical conditions. I know this because it happened to me and I am a woman who is older. I took it back in 1996 before any of the warning labels and I took it for energy. I got a lot more than energy. It actually ruined my life and I have not been the same since. It came up in Congress during the baseball hearings. They know it's not safe and it only got through because it was attached to another bill which they wanted passed from what I understand.

Every time I hear of something like this happening I think of both of these things. Please look into what I am telling you. No one is listening. I always bring this up and I've yet to even hear of supplements on tv. I guess that could be a good thing however I do think the problem needs to be addressed asap.

Again, I am sorry for your loss

Message:

As a citizen of the great state of Texas, I and my young kids are no longer safe. Our policies meant to insure our freedoms do not serve us any longer. Change is needed for us to live here confident that we won't be gunned down grocery shopping.

Our laws must change to make it harder to obtain these weapons that are killing people daily. We are not talking about preventing people the right to take arms and defend themselves. We are talking about preventing bigoted maniacs and mentally ill from slaughtering innocent people.

Do something. Show your voter base you not only care, you're willing to do the brave and bold thing. To advocate for change in a political party that historically has sided with the NRA at the cost of Americans.

We will not be silent. I will not be voting for your reelection unless you fully and courageously lend your voice and vote to gun control.

Message:

I am overwhelmed by the violence in El Paso, a beautiful community that Texas should be proud of. I am totally disappointed by your weak response and rhetoric, about mental health being the prime motivator. While this is occasionally the case, this act of violence is representative of the lack of gun control and the escalating attack on Hispanics and immigrants in this country and in the state of Texas. You need to denounce Trump's racist behavior and language, denounce white nationalist terrorists, and pass laws to control weapons in our state. Prayer alone will not stop the bleeding of a wounded community.

Message:

As a conservative Republican there is no aspect of this shooting that was not your fault. So stop with the crocodile tears.

The decimation of mental health services is something you have been leaning into since Reagan.

The immigrant and people of color hate is a garden you have watered every time you stood up for Trump.

The white supremacist terrorism is something you chose to ignore because it bolstered your poll numbers.

You are more responsible for these deaths than anyone else.

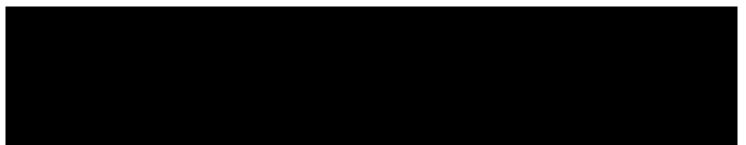
I hope you live forever and you have to live with the evil and trauma that is as much your fault as any human on Earth besides the shooter himself.

The fake outrage is disgusting. Everyone knows that to stay with the Republicans with Trump is a full embrace of the ideology of the shooter in El Paso.

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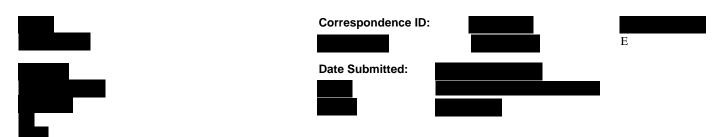
Message:

As a mom of two dark-skinned Hispanic children, the recent mass shootings hit very close to home. I grew up with safe access to guns, and learned how to hunt and handle firearms safely as a child. I still enjoy hunting and hope to teach my children how to hunt as well. I also have my CHL. Years ago if you had asked my stance on gun control, I would have told you that I would never give up my guns, and that I firmly believed in the right to own items like bump stocks, suppressors, and large magazines. Recently, my stance has changed. I have become anxious of attending large events for fear of a mass shooting, etc, and I fear sending my kids to school. I absolutely feel that we should be conducting universal background checks, limiting magazine sizes, and controlling ownership of assault rifles. I also feel that it should be a CPS level offense to not have guns in the home locked in a safe. If foster parents must do this, why do all parents not have to? I hope that you will help fight for more gun control. We don't have to take everyone's guns away to make a difference!



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My thoughts and prayers to the families affected by the senseless act in El Paso. I pray that God will protect and comfort them, and my thanks to the brave men and women of the police department for their courage.

Message:

I am a strong Republican and a gun owner. I believe in the 2nd amendment and I also believe there are many reasons for law abiding citizens to own assault rifles, to include hunting, competition shooting, home defense and other reasons and I do not believe the government has the right to dictate what type of guns are legal to own, but after yesterdays El Paso shooting, I realized something that I had not realized ever before... Not a single citizen in the area was carrying an AR to respond to the shooter with equal or greater firepower.

My point is this; I have been among the many voicing my opinion against any type of gun control because all I have been hearing from the left is how they want to rewrite the second amendment and want to ban assault rifles which would make law abiding citizens less safe. What I realized yesterday is that not a single citizen in the area was carrying an assault rifle with them... citizens who do have a carry permit only carry pistols so it is my strong opinion now that it is time to bolster the laws on buying assault rifles. We should require that all AR sales, regardless if from a store, gun show and/or private sale, should have a mandatory federal background check and a ten day waiting period to ensure a thorough check on the buyer. The waiting period should be longer for teenagers.

Although we have many reasons to own AR's, I do not know of any reason why anyone would need to buy one the same day with zero checks at gun shows or from a private sale.

Some would argue that there are already far too many AR's already out there on our streets so any new laws would not make a difference. What I say now to that is that it may not make a difference on current gun owners but it would make a difference on future gun purchases and future gun owners.

Today, a 100% law abiding citizen can buy a gun today with no waiting time and a simple check. Tomorrow, a person who decides to go on a shooting spree, can go into a gun show, buy an AR and carry out his/her evil act the same day. Lets change that "Tomorrow" possibility.

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Message:

Gun control now

Criminal justice reform- Please support candidates standing on a platform of criminal justice reform- end mass incarceration, end money bail, legalize marijuana ...

Medicare for all

Green new deal - run towards renewables to deal with this crisis, step away from those who stepped near global warming is a Chinese conspiracy the denial of science like the feasting on lies and demeaning name calling to dehumanize are all required to validate their hatred

And when the words mental illness comes out of the reflection of your self so he doesnt have to say the words gun control or deal with your own pathetic hatred he reflects, again feeding your stupidity

I know exactly how you treat the mentally ill and I know exactly what you feast on

Ben Carson visited shelters and his only concern was that they were uncomfortable

Trump Signs Bill Revoking Obama-Era Gun Checks for People With Mental Illnesses The Republican-led House voted Thursday to repeal an Obama-era regulation that required the Social Security Administration to disclose to the national gun background check system information about people with mental illness.

The vilification of the homeless

Mass incarceration Prison the largest mental health hospital in the country suffering from schizophrenia dead within 20 minutes after calling for help as the ones he called laughed as they killed him schizophrenia tied to a chair killed while those in power laughed I know exactly what you are

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Message:

You are a Trumper Right Wing Republican racist, Neo-NAZi NRA Tool, directly responsible for the murder of the people in El Paso. Like Moscow McConnell the incarnate of evil. Quit and preferably commit suicide!!

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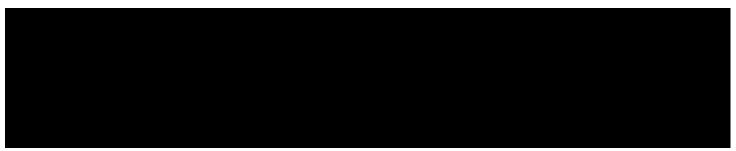
Shame on you. Do something about gun control.

Message:

Governor Abbott:

I'm a 5th generation Texan, and urge you to expand your action on the El Paso shooting beyond mental health and include a public condemnation of white nationalism and domestic terrorists. Lots of Texans approve guns for self protection and hunting. However assault weapons are weapons of war. In the least I urge you to support background checks which have an overwhelming majority support.

Most cordially,



Message:

You need to tell the President that he needs to get out and specifically denounce this white nationalist terrorism that is running rampid throughout our country. The President is weaponizing race across America. Your silence is condoning this behavior. As a constituent, I will work tirelessly to ensure that you are not re-elected.

Message:

I am one of your constituents, and I vote for candidates that make gun reform a priority. I expect to see you take strong action on common sense gun reforms like Universal Background Checks, assault weapon ban, ban on large-capacity ammunition magazines, no gun sales to persons under the age of 21 and close the "boyfriend loophole." I will work endlessly to support candidates who supports Common Sense Gun Reform.

Message:

Did you really say that you are embarrassed that Texas was #2 in new gun sales behind California? If so, shame on you. If not, how can we deal with false news? We need to trust some source of information and punish the peddlers of misinformation.

Message:

Your performance at yesterday's press conference in El Paso was pathetic. You and your pro-gun agenda are complicit in the 20 murders. You are nothing more than a pawn for the NRA and should be ashamed of yourself. To blame these murders on mental health speaks volumes about your mental health and acquiescence to and support for white nationalism and Trumpism.

Message:

Hello Governor Abbott, I am writing to you to encourage your leadership on the issue of gun control. It was incredibly disheartened for me to reach out to my close friend earlier today and ask if he and his family were safe following the incidence of the shooting that happened leaving 19 (and counting) fatally wounded. I saw your tweet about thoughts and prayers and I am truly happy that these issues are such that you take them to heart, but understanding that you have a platform and the capacity to shape public discourse and policy change in a profound way that I do not, I'm begging that you take action on this issue immediately.

I hope that you reach out to gun control / reform groups and ask that they utilize their expertise to help curb this epidemic in our society within the state of Texas. Your leadership in this moment is crucial and I hope you do not back down. I recently had a public mass shooting in my hometown just this past weekend, and I am feeling the effects of the fear and vulnerability that are amplified by these heinous acts. As a concerned citizen, I'm relying on you to make a change.

Peace and blessings,

Message:

Like a large majority of Americans, we strongly favor renewing the assault weapons ban, universal background checks, and red flag laws. Please work to pass effective gun control legislation.

Governor Abbott should call a special session of the legislature of this specific critical issue.

This is personal with us. Our daughter, the mother of 2 small children, teaches the highest level math courses at San Jacinto Junior College (South) in Houston. Thanks to Texas SB-11 she has to allow angry young men who are upset with the math grades they earned, to bring their gun with them into her office while they beg or demand that she change their grade so they can get into A&M or UT. In hopes of preventing this situation, she volunteered for the committee that set the rules on where students are allowed to carry guns. The rights of the gun owner prevailed and she can neither exclude the gun nor insist on meeting in a public area. It is an appalling, terrifying situation, which the Legislature created.

Now comes the massacre in El Paso of back-to-school shoppers. My wife and I will never vote for any Republican representative, senator, lieutenant governor, or governor as long as there is no sensible gun control.

Message:

I my outraged by the complacency by you and your counterparts in Congress with the blatant disregard to place control measures into law. Two, TWO mass shootings within 24 hours is deplorable. The blood is on every single lawmakers hands today; and will be until action is taken to remedy these shootings.

The racism, misogyny, hatred and pure evil committed by these men is driven by our president and lawmakers that continue to make statements that diminish the character of our nation's population based on their race, gender, income level, faith, illness, citizenship status, age, disability and many more conditions.

It is your duty to protect the population.

ON BEHALF OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS IT IS YOUR DUTY TO MAKE GUN CONTROL MEASURES A REALITY NOW!

Message:

Dear Senator

I am deeply concerned about the ongoing wave of hatred and violence that has been shown in the recent domestic terrorist attacks in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH.

As you should well know, these are not new events as they have escalated in the past few years.

People who blame others not quite like them, with a different culturw, skin, language, religion and background are taking lives from our communities.

As an elected leader you need to answer to what the mayority of this country wants and is asking you to do.

Pass sensitive gun legislation that prevents people from acquiring weapons of war that are only meant to be used to assault and murder large volumes of people.

We support legal gun ownership and most gun owners are responsible citizens. Yet, we ask for your action, not words and not prayers to take a stand and show us all that you care more about children and communities than about lobbyists and the NRA.

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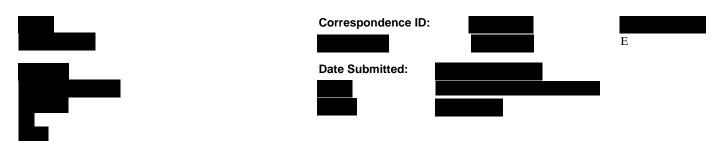
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Act now.



Message:

I know the GOP doesnt care much about human lives being lost in horrific mass murders, because of you did you would have passed #GunReform bills right after Santa Fe. I believe in the Constitution and everyones rights to own guns for personal safety, but absolutely no one needs a military grade weapon that can kill 100 people per minute. #RedFlagLaws need implementation. Thoughts and Prayers are no longer acceptable. Denial that #WhiteSupremacistsTerrorism is a serious safety risks for anyone who wants to go out in public is no longer acceptable.

For once in your useless Republican careers, do something to protect all Texans! #NoMore

Message:

Governor,

I am not a constituent but after reading your comments about the El Paso massacre I felt compelled to send you an email. Let's be honest and tell it like it is.

The massacres in Gilroy, El Paso and now Cincinnati have everything to do with the rise of nationalism in the US and a president who foments discord and violence and encourages nationalist, racist, homophobic, xenophobic, anti-Semitic, etc. behavior.

Be a true leader and stand up to the insanity in the WH. Don't hide behind a mental health excuse. Gun control must happen - NOW - or else these nationalists and fascists will continue to mow down innocent people.

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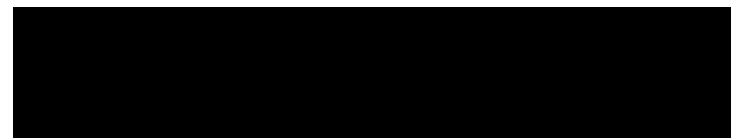
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Will you introduce any common sense firearm legislation before the next mass shooting or after?

Message:

How about a little less praying and a lot more action on gun control and cracking down on terrorist access to guns. Remember we can pray in church with our ministers, your job is to take action and get the guns out of the bad guys hands. Pray on your own time.



Message:

Another MASS shooting! We are ALL responsible for this. We, as a whole cuntry are just as guilty of killing those people. And you want us to send Prayers!!? REALLY!!!! Those prayers are just words, utterances, sounds, they will not fix the problem of GUN VIOLENCE!!. Only ACTIONS by men and women who were voted into government roles CAN CHANGE GUN LAWS. Military style weapons being sold to civilians is NOT OK!!!. And only blaming mental health is BULLSHIT! Do your job or we will find can

Message:

The tragedy this weekend made your, "good guy with a gun," thesis look foolish. Where were all the good guys while 29 people were being murdered. Please work with the legislature to pass comprehensive gun control in Texas. Keep your constitutes safe.



Message:

Look how effective open carry was: In an open-carry store in our open-carry state, 20 people died. There was no "good guy with a gun" to stop him. Get your act together and enact strong gun control.

Message:

I see trumpsterrorists trending on Twitter. Could just as easily say abbottsterrorists considering how little you have challenged the racists setting in the White House.

Two shootings now. More blood on your hands. Republicans are complicit, boot licking, spineless assholes.



Message:

There are no words to describe how angry I am at every one of you politicians who have taken NO ACTION on gun control in spite of shooting after shooting. You are spineless shills of the NRA. You cant even protect the women and children of your state or this country. What kind of men are you? Our leader spews the kind of hateful rhetoric that people hear and take seriously and NONE of you condemn it. None of this comes as a surprise given the hatred your party has been unleashing for two solid years. It was inevitable that one white male nationalist after another would start to kill people. THAT is what is happening. We are ALL Americans and the hate talk needs to stop TODAY and white nationalists need to be publicly disavowed. Gun control needs to happen TODAY. Get assault weapons OFF the streets TODAY. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!

Message:

Mr Abbott,

As Rural White American Citizens, Lifelong Hunters and Gun Owners, we watched you respond to the El Paso Slaughter.

We are Tired of 'Thoughts and Prayers'

Keep your 'Prayers' to yourself as words mean nothing, Action works.

Texas is the State of the 4 out of 10 Largest Mass Shootings in our Nation

Texas Republicans are Endangering Texas Americans

White Supremacist Liar in our White House illegitimately is directly causing Harm to Americans inciting his White Supremacist Supporters to Murder

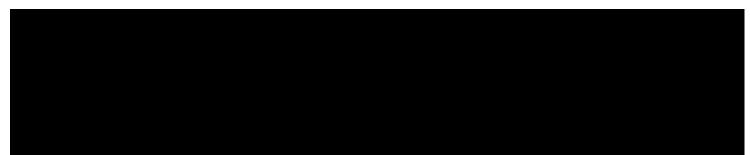
No Hunter or Gun Owner in Civilian Life needs a Military Style .223 Rifle our Family used in Wars to defend our Nation

U.S. Veteran, White Rural Born/Raised American Citizen and Independent Voter

Message:

I want to comment to Dan Patrick about his comments on FOX News on the 4th of August. I want to thank him for putting the blame where it belongs and not on "gun owners". His comments were amazing. I feel he left out two things however: No respect for human life due to the place we're at with abortions and mercy killings. Secondly, no consequences for bad behavior. The ability to discipline by parents was taken away a long time ago by threats to remove children from homes (I in no way condone child abuse). It takes an act of Congress to get a belligerent, disruptive, out of control student, out of the classroom. I know this as I taught for 30 years in NV and have continued to sub, but I am done. The students in the public schools have the right to harass teachers right out of a job without any action against them. The "Promise Program" is a part of this problem. We have little criminals in our public schools that can not be dealt with.

The rush to release prisoners is alarming in that they all can't be there because they were wrongly incarcerated. And we need to bring back the death penalty and use it. This crime warrants the death penalty and all others like it. These are serial killers. There should be no designated "hate crimes". These all should be 'Acts of Terrorism". Hate is of the soul and can not be dealt with legally.



Message:

We live in the greatest country in the world, but we have more gun violence in the world. We live in the greatest state in this country, so why not take the lead to put measures in place to stop the gun violence in this country? What we need is strong leadership, not cowardliness of the NRA, a smart task force, action rather than words, listen to the majority of the people for stronger gun laws, unity for all citizens to stop the hate, killings and divisiveness.

Message:

Omg. What a sick and disgusting human being you are. You want to ban sex toys and worry what people do in the privacy of their own home but you want people to walk around in public with weapons. The one thing we agree on is this is about the mentally ill. Politicians that will sell their soul for a nice campaign contribution. I bet the message you wrote and gave to the police chief during your disgusting press conference was stop talking about a hate crime. This is not about mental illness. This is about hate that you SUPPORT. I love all decent people and sick disgusting people always get what they deserve legally. Karma. Think why so many bad thing happen to you.

How you wake up in the morning and look in the mirror is beyond me. However it is never to late and try to turn your life around and do the right thing. Hopefully that happens. God bless you and all

Message:

Dear Governor,

I am writing you here to ask you to strongly oppose any move to implement universal background checks. I know you work on a state level but you must have some direct lines to Washington D.C. As you probably know, the only way to have universal background checks is to have a registry. And a nationwide gun registry will always lead to gun confiscation. You must oppose any and all efforts to pass this into law. My wife and I are single issue voters on this. Please reach out preemptively to anyone you know in D.C. to express your opposition.

Message:

America is in shock over yet more shootings. Why? Guns aren't allowed here in Australia. Stop being in shock.



Message:

We need stricter gun laws. I go to Walmart with my children almost daily. My 4 year old starts kindergarten next year. We enjoy date nights at the movies. We frequent downtown areas as a family. All of these places have seen horrific shootings and you have done nothing in response. Do your job. Protect your constituents. Protect your own family. Go down in history as one of the brave who demanded change. We need you.

Message:

It is time to become a leader...we need Gun Control. I believe in the second amendment but the founding fathers did not envision assault weapons and killing in video games. I hold the current leaders responsible for the lack of control. I want you to understand... a leader leads through response & innovation. We need to remove these weapons from adolescents and those those that are not responsible enough to maintain these weapons.

A very disgusted Veteran.

Message:

As supporters of Texas universities and museums and now frightened visitors we urge Texas to introduce some gun safety laws. Texas has some of the weakest gun safety laws in the United States and has been the site of some of the worst shootings. This is not a coincidence. There is clear statistical evidence that those states with the weakest gun safety laws like Texas have the highest gun murder rates.

Message:

Another senseless killing in our own state. It is high time you acted. A majority of Americans support common sense gun legislation. Please represent your constituents and do something about it.

Message:

Please initiate or at least support legislation to ban the sale of automatic assault weapons in the State of Texas and in the US. We are all victims of domestic terrorism and have suffered long enough due to the failure of our elected officials to act, not to just offer thoughts and prayers to victims after every mass murder. How many mass murder victims will it take for all of you to finally act to protect the citizens you represent? It's been too long already. Please act.

Message:

I am one of your constituents from Orange Grove, Texas. I am crushed by news of the shooting in El Paso, Texasone of the warmest, most peaceful communities in America, a city that exemplifies the beauty of living on the Texas-Mexico border. Im calling on you to work toward legislating meaningful gun reform in Texas. For anyone who cares about the sanctity of life, this is non-optional. We have seen elected officials offer sympathy to victims of mass shootings before. But you are in the position to do something more. So do that. Do better. The Texans you represent are watching you.

Message:

THIS.MUST.STOP.

YOU have the power to speak truth to power. Get the NRA out of your pockets and bank accounts. This is not a mental health issue! As a mental health provider, I clearly know this country needs better access to health and mental health care. This is a gun control issue. Develop a conscience, a spine. Speak out to protect our nation. WHAT.MORE.WILL.IT.TAKE. tRump is a white supremacist supporter, ENCOURAGER, who weakly passes the buck of any problem to his trusty whipping boy, President Barack Obama. Actively work to change gun laws, do background checks, institute a waiting time, stop online gun sales, DO something, to make access to guns less instantaneous. Follow the lead of safer countries! New Zealand took care of their problem in a week! Grow some. Do whats right.

Message:

again we have a mass killing in the great state of texas when are you going to realize that you must do something about this ? guns kill people not people if you do not have guns nobody would be killed. yes we did need guns once upon a time in texas but look around times have changed. I own guns and will gladly give them up to save lives. every body does not need a gun. and we certainly do not need guns that will hold more than six bullets. look at other nation and see what there guns laws are .

Message:

Dear Governor Abbott,

For Gods sake please do something. Thoughts and prayer and mental health assistance is not enough.

I am so sick and tired of the expression 'Guns dont kill people, people kill people'

Clearly people with guns, certainly automatic, assault style rifles, semiautomatic arsenals, kill masses of people and what business do people have with these weapons??? Short of a bomb, which is clearly illegal, it would be very difficult for people to commit these mass murders without these type of weapons and accessories. They are clearly only meant for killing people.

When is the safety of Americans going to trump someones desire to have such weapons?

I am so disgusted.

You have the power to do something in your position as Governor, so for Gods sake do it!

If you choose not to, then you are also part of this problem and culpable.

I hope you will represent ALL of the people of Texas and not just the gun lobby and NRA.

I am waiting and watching.

Sincerely



Message:

I'm so very sorry about what happened today in El Paso. I write to you periodically and everyone is praying for the residents. Already we are hearing shouts for GUN CONTROL. This is outrageous. This tragedy would have been prevented by Gun Control. If Gun Control becomes law, this will only embolden more shootings and more people without weapons to defend themselves

Message:

With all these shootings happening provides the politicians reasons to get gun control passed as law. I would not be surprising if these people who commit these crimes were provided funds from George Soros to accomplish task. It is not surprising concerning George Soros because he has been providing funding for illegals to come in over legally to get open borders and completely destroy America by the invasion of these illegals. They would provide them an excuse to 'legally' take away the guns from the American people.

They most likely want the guns from Americans because they would like to avoid a Civil War to take away the weaons from Americans. Another method they could use is Martial Law. This would also give them the right to legally take away the guns from Americans.



Message:

I listened to your broadcast after the horrific shooting in El Paso. Yes, everyone needs to pull together during this time but for God's sake, DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE GUNS IN TEXAS and throughout this country. No where else in the world does this kind of killing occur. DO SOMETHING, I am sick of this, yet you and NRA allow it to continue.

Message:

I put off sending my representatives my usual "let's try some common sense gun control" email yesterday and there was another mass shooting while I slept. I didn't bother researching the numbers of firearm deaths from just normal daily gun violence. Obviously, mental illness is something that we should funnel resources into, but we should also be making it more difficult for any person to get a firearm that is specifically designed to cause harm. We need universal background checks, waiting periods, limits on magazines, an assault weapons ban, and expanded training courses. Talking about mass shootings like they are a natural disaster that we just can't avoid is the most insulting and shameful thing we do as a nation. We'll help El Paso "rebuild"!? You can't rebuild someone's child or spouse after they got shot to death back to school shopping. You better believe that I am donating money to organizations and individuals who will get you voted out of office.

Message:

Governor Abbott,

What are you doing to make it safer to walk into Walmart next weekend?





Message:

This weekend, more Americans were killed by senseless, preventable gun violence. Your constituents, including myself, would like to see your leadership in passing gun safety legislation that saves lives. Thank you for your time.

Message:

Amazing that in the state of open carry, concealed carry, carry to school, carry to church, carry to the hospital, arm the teachers, the 'good guy with a gun" just never showed up...maybe there aren't good guys with guns? Maybe there are just guys with guns?

All local horror aside, I assume you appreciate the irony when liberal Northern California town of Gilroy took down their shooter in 40 seconds. Where on earth were The Boys? Maybe busy chasing them damned Mexican women and their damned children off The Line That is The Border.

Arm the Walmart Greeters! Arm the Mall Cops! It's the only answer...more guns for more people! I only await the day they are used for what you second amendment purists say they are for...resisting the government. Your government. You.

Your thoughts and prayers are meaningless...you have no cogent thoughts on the topic, and if there ever was a God, he has surely turned his back on you.

Message:

White supremacy is not a mental health issue. It is a moral one.

More terrorists have cited Donald Trump as an inspiration for attacks on the U.S. over the past three years than any other person or organization on Earth. We have got to acknowledge the hatred and open racism we are seeing on Fox News, on the internet, and from our Commander-in-Chief.

Luckily for these white supremacists, Texas has the weakest gun laws in America because you care more about taking money from the NRA than you do about Texas lives. You should be ashamed of yourself.

We need gun reform NOW.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Message:

I am angry that we continue to have this gruesome carnage weekly in the USA. Innocent Texans were mowed down today by weapons that only belong on the battlefield by a domestic terrorist. White supremacy is having a surge of momentum thanks to our racist President and his propaganda. Trump is not making America Great Again, he is Making America Hate. This needs to stop. Domestic terrorism and hate groups need to be investigated like international terrorism. Things like Project Jigsaw need to be utilized to intercept people before they become radicalized. Automatic weapons and semiautomatic weapons need to be banned. I am a CHL Holder trained with tactical weapons and I know the answer is less weapons and more thorough vetting with zero loopholes. Do your job and help save innocent people from being killed by American terrorists.

I am a mental health therapist in Austin, a business owner, and a Texas Association of Business Member.

Message:

"AUSTIN — It will soon be easier to carry guns in Texas churches, schools, apartment buildings and disaster zones." Governor, How could you sign bills supporting the NRA? WHY?

Message:

We must institute common sense gun laws to ban semi automatic weapons and all ak47 type weapons. The public safety should be your first priority.

Message:

STOP THE GUNS -AK47-!! AND STOP THE MASS KILLINGS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE BY PEOPLE WITH GUNS. I AM ASHAMED OF TEXAS AND OUR POLITICAL "LEADERS " WHO ALLOW THIS SLAUGHTER AND DO NOTHING! THIS ISNOT WHAT OUR FOUNDING FATHERS INTENDED THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO BE. TAKE AWAY THESE GUNS!!



Message:

WHERE IS THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS????!!!! WHY HAVE WE NOT HEARD FROM HIM AND A CONDEMNATION OF THE GUN MASSACRE IN EL PASO? WHERE WAS HE AND OTHER TEXAS REPUBLICANS -CORNYN AND CRUZ-IN CONDEMNING THIS ACT OF MASS KILLING OF MEXICANS? WHY DOES TEXAS HAVE MORE GUNS AND LIBERAL GUN LAWS THAN ANY OTHER STATE? WHERE ARE YOU????!!!!

Message:

How many more mass shootings do we have to endure before you will act?

How many more lives have to be lost?

When will enough be enough?

There have been three mass shootings in Texas in less than two years! We cannot continue living in fear wondering if the next mass murderer is right around the corner in our communities. Any of us could be the next victim. We need common sense gun safety laws in Texas. No one wants to take away your guns. We need better screening to keep guns out of the wrong hands.

As a black woman, the increase in white supremacist hate and terrorism in America is terrifying. Please call out white supremacist domestic terrorism for what it is, and recognize that this is a crisis in America.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Message:

You and your fellow Republican I am sure have passed on your "thoughts and prayers" to the victim, but little else. How about extracting your head from your ass and pass common sense gun control legislation. Oh wait, can't do that, the NRA would stop sending you money for your next election. The Republican Party should change it's name to the The Party Of MORON (POM)

Message:

Ill keep this short ...

What are you doing - right now - to address the problems we saw in El Paso and Dayton? Please tell me in clear and concise language exactly how you plan to keep me and my family safe.

Malls. Churches. Concerts. Must I constantly be on high alert? Must I always be looking for someone carrying a long gun and wonder if I am their next target? Or my children?

Stop with the thoughts and prayers. If that solved anything, wed all be safe everywhere. Do. Something. Now.

Message:

Re: Dayton shooting

"Biehl said the suspect possessed multiple weapons, but the gun used in the shooting was originally ordered from TEXAS, and was purchased by the suspect from a local firearms dealer. A second gun, which the suspect left in his vehicle, was also bought locally. The chief added that the weapons were purchased legally and that the drum magazine used is also legal."

Texas gun laws are insanely dangerous and outdated and cater to your base. Time for sensible reform. Are Republicans capable of being sensible beyond being greedy and only catering to rich businesses? That is the big question. TBD.

Message:

It's your cowardice that has allowed TWO MORE white supremacist shooters to obtain guns and start murderous rampages. Right here in Texas another top ten deadliest shooting of all time, and another one less than 14 hours later in Dayton Ohio. The Nazis are emboldened by Trump's hateful rhetoric and enabled by YOU, the lawmakers who do nothing to stop them, indeed, purposefully help them obtain these war weapons because you are owned by the NRA. There is blood on your hands today. Americans are heartily sick of this and will show you how much in the next election if you don't start passing meaningful legislation to save lives and stop senseless gun violence. In addition to obtaining guns, you also enable literal White domestic terrorists with their Nazi ideology every time you allow the *president to tweet hate or rally his mobs. I've been working against you for years, maybe now others will discover your craven greed and cowardice. Stop gun violence now.

Message:

We need to make punishment for mass shooters to match the crime and prevent future mass shootings. I recommend stoning in the middle of the town square, while the criminal's feet are cast in concrete. (Last chapter in Shogun novel). With microphone near the criminal's mouth, so the next shooter might change his mind.



Message:

Gun control now. You all must do something. Two massacres of innocent people in two days by guns that no civilian needs access to for any reason but mass killings. THIS MUST STOP!!! Stop taking money from the NRA, act like you are here to represent the people of this state and initiate common sense gun laws. Now.

wessage:

Governor Abbott,

I know you expressed concern for the recent El Paso shooting at Walmart, but you made no mention to the fact that once again, we have a mass shooting with an assault weapon in the hands of a civilian. When are we going to the ban assault weapons in this country? It is not a violation of the second amendment, civilians don't need assault weapons, they are used for mass shootings like the one we experience on a too common basis these days. When will this country stand up to the NRA? Are you willing to for the good of the people? Do something great Senator, take a stand for commonsense gun control, make your mark in history, you will be remembered for generations to come.





Words cannot express how saddened I am about this terrible tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our condolences for those who lost their lives and those who suffer their loss. I pray for an abundance of blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ, of love, peace, and comfort for the resident's of El paso and all of their loved ones during this sorrowful time. God bless you.



Message:

Enough is enough. How you can possibly say this isn't a gun issue is beyond me. As a responsible gun owner I know we need more of the "well regulated" part of the 2nd Admendment.

Instead of passing and signing bills that made it easier to get and carry weapons this legislative session you should have been working to keep us safe.

I am absolutely appalled at your callous disregard for our lives.

All your condolences mean nothing! Empty!

Do something to stop this madness. U can!!

No more assault rifles in this country! Stop the NRA The crazy people who don't love America.

This would not have been as bad without assault weapons !!

If u really care, STOP!!!!

Message:

When are you going to take action regarding gun violence in this state? When is enough enough?

The Ft. Hood shooting wasnt enough. The Santa Fe High School shooting wasnt enough. The Southerland Springs shooting wasnt enough. Is what happened in El Paso enough? How many people have to be murdered for you to take action?

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Message:

8/3 sympathy to el passo citizens.

Listening to your comments it was more than clear to me you seem to have no intention nor desire to protect your citizens from gun violence.

The "thoughts and prayers" just aren't going to do it.

It was so apparent that you have been sold out to big business gun lobbies etc without out knowing ANYTHInG about you. it was so apparent. You might want to rethink how you protect your citizens because I'm sure the victims families and affected community that's been traumatized would like to hear concrete steps you will take to protect them in the future. empty talking points are useless. As I am an RN and would take any steps to protect patients in my care, you should do the same to your citizens in protecting them as you would expect a Dr or nurse to protect and care for your family.

Please read this and think about how you can protect your community going forward. With the hate and mass shootings you are not doing your job. Please don't let the big money OWN you make your family proud of you

Message:

Hello Governor Abbott,

I am writing to you as one of your constituents. I am a 6th generation Texan and 13th generation American. My family represented in the House of Burgess and served in Congress during the Civil War. I am proud to be a Texan and American. I am a doctoral School Psychologist that specializes and is highly trained in crisis response. I am writing to you about these White Nationalist Terrorist events that have occurred this weekend. These events are preventable. Two of the major ways to address these is through mental health services and gun control (background checks and limited access to high capacity weapons). I am a hunter and enjoy shooting sports with my family. I know that there is no reason for high capacity weapons for sport shooting.

As one of your constituents, I expect to see you come out against these events as terroristic events against other Americans. If our leaders come out strong from both sides of the aisle against this helps make people stop and think. I have a history of voting across party lines even though I am a Democrat. Elected officials that come out against these events and make an effort to make a real change will get my support in the next round of elections. Someone needs to come out and say "We will stop you" to the home-grown terrorists. We need laws that are for domestic terrorist attacks – murderers with political intent. They are not just international individuals.

This is beyond hope and prays. This is action time.

Sincerely,



Message:

We need common sense gun reform NOW. Our children are dying. Our friends our dying. This is unacceptable. Enough.

We need universal background checks on EVERY gun sale. No exceptions. (I would also support a waiting period).

We need limits or restrictions for military grade weapons. Any weapon specifically designed for maximum carnage is completely unnecessary for civilian access. We don't need those guns to defend ourselves. They are designed for mass murder, can't be used for hunting, and are repeatedly used to cause devastation in our communities. Enough.

We need restrictions on high capacity magazines. There is no reason to ever need to shoot more than one bullet at a time. Recreation? Family defense? Hunting? No reasonable person needs a gun that can shoot, injure, and kill 30 people in less than a minute. Enough.

Gun reform and restrictions make us safer. They protect law enforcement. They protect our children. It's too late for hundreds of victims already, continued inaction is not an option.

I would suggest comprehensive registration for gun owners as well. Buy an assault rifle? We need a record. Stockpiling weapons? That's a national security risk. We are already part of comprehensive databases for social security, drivers licenses, health insurance, citizenship, employment, banking, social media! There is no excuse to not have a national database for gun owners. It will help people return stolen weapons to their owners, protect domestic violence victims, and spot at-risk members of society. While we are at it, require comprehensive liability insuran



Message:

You encouraged Texans to buy more guns because Texas was behind California in gun purchases. A government leader encouraging people to buy more guns to win a pissing contest with another state is the most irresponsible thing ever.

Message:

Dear Mr. Abbott,

I am confused about your speech today. (Congrats! You made National news!) What does the shooting of 33 Texans have to do with pulling together? What are Texans to pull together for? Who are they supporting? Why are you not praising the victims, who gave their lives so that we American citizens may freely carry guns, which is our God (excuse me American) right? Should you be praising the sacrifice they and their families made? A terrorist killed 20 Americans and injured 13 more. But you want to make sure that he has the right to a gun. What is wrong with a Walmart? where were all those "good" Americans with guns but failed to defend those 33 Texans?

Frankly you should be appalled by your speech writers, nothing new...just the same old drivel about pulling together. Where is your leadership?

Message:

Your speech today on the mass killings in El Paso was sickening! You must be joking, prayers for the families of the dead. That's all you have to say along with maybe the killer is mentally ill. No, you are incompetent. White nationalist or as Trump says 'very fine people on both sides' are responsible and you have your head in the sand.



Message:

I'm so repulsed by your comments that Texans will unite. Unite and do what????? Children died today in Texas. I truly feel your response would be different if it were one of your loved ones shot today, shopping for groceries and school shopping. No solutions offered. Thoughts and prayers. I was going to go shopping today in Michigan, at Walmart. I stayed home. Your news statment will anger people. You were elected to DO something, not say something. I'm so dissapointed in our government. These mass shootings are the number one problem in our country, bar none. DO SOMETHING. LOBBY SOMETHING. SUBMIT IDEAS. If you can't think of anything I will help you out. Ban assault weapons. Stand up for the people. For Gods sake, stand up for our children.



Message:

Weve now had two more mass shootings in this country, both happening in the same 24 hours leaving 29 innocent people dead. Im asking we take the measures necessary to get Mitch McConnell to bring the following legislation:

HR 8, HR 1112, S. 184

The first two bills have passed the House with strong support and NEED to be voted on and passed NOW! Im asking and begging you to do whatever you can to stop these senseless acts of gun violence that are happening because we refuse to pass bills like these! Please do whatever you can to help.

Message:

In under twenty four hours weve now had two mass shootings resulting in 29 casualties. Being only 220 days into 2019 and with around 253 mass shootings, we as a country have a national crisis on our hands and need to take action to ensure this never happens again. Enough is enough. Im asking we take the measures necessary to get Mitch McConnell to bring the following legislation: HR 8, HR 1112, S. 184. The first two bills have passed the house with strong support and need to be voted on and passed now. This is what the American people want, this is what Texans want. I am begging you to do everything in your power to stop these senseless acts of gun violence. Please do whatever you can to help; for all those who have lost their lives and loved ones, and those who will if nothing continues to be done.

Message:

I am so touched that your prayers are going out to victims of the El Paso shooting and their families. It always moves me when governors and legislators and congresspeople and the president offer their heartfelt empathy and all too often condolences. I think, though, that gun control would be a better place to concentrate your energies, if you weren't a mouse afraid to death of the big bad NRA.

Message:

Dear Gov. Abbott,

I beg you. Please do three things:

1) Condemn in the strongest and most unambiguous language possible, that white supremacists have no place in any democratic society.

2) Acknowledge and condemn the fact that our president's own rhetoric is fueling racism and violence against others. Don't say it once. Repeat it daily and hold him accountable for his actions.

3) Call a special session of the Texas Legislature for the purpose of enacting legislation to require background checks for all gun purchases, enact a 60 day waiting period for all gun purchases, and ban assault weapons.

May God have mercy on us,

Message:

DO SOMETHING !!! DO NOT BE AFRAIF OF DONALD TRUMP.

I am a republican. Enough is enough.

- 1 You take a test for a drivers license.
- 2 You buy a gun and nothing.
- 3 Take a Phycological exam, pass a physical test, then get a license.
- 4 Then at same time EVERY gun owner must take the same tests within 12 months or FBI/ATF can come and take the gun back.
- 5 No need for AR-15s Cut the BS. YOU KNOW THERE IS NO NEED TO OWN THESE.

I will send this to every USA Res Senator, Gov, etc and whoever does the right this, this will be 100% viral. STEP UP or STEP DOWN !!!

Message:

Stop accepting NRA money and pass something ANYTHING to try to stop mass shootings.

Message:

What are you doing to keep Texans safe from Mass shooters?

Message:

I saw you speaking after the El Paso mass shooting. You talked only about mental illness - NOTHING about reasonable gun laws such as universal background checks, ban on assault weapons, etc. It is clear that the NRA owns you! Shame on you. Anyone doing the NRA's bidding has blood on their hands - including YOU.

Message:

You stand by silently as the president sows hate. You do nothing as he whips up crowds into a rage-filled frenzy. You look the other way as vile garbage spews from the White House daily.

The blood of El Paso is on your hands.

message: Fuck you, you worthless piece of shit.

As a Texan who was born and raised in El Paso, I can feel the pain of the August 3rd shooting all the way where I currently live in Houston. Someone invaded my community, the safest city in the US, and targeted it because the majority of the population is Latinx and working class. More people were killed on August 3rd, 2019 than on an average year in El Paso. Why? Because someone who did not understand our community, who bought into the hateful rhetoric and misinformation that is propagated by hateful people, was emboldened by your silence.

Hesitating to call out white supremacy by its name is cosigning these vitriolic manifestos and these acts of homegrown, domestic terror. Your complacency enables monsters like this to ravage a communities like El Paso and all the other places in this great state that have suffered because of inaction from our government. It is time to step up and stop this once and for all.

How many times do we have to say, "Never again" just to watch this cycle happen over and over? I will not stand idly as my state representatives like Lt. Gov. Patrick blame video games, as if Americans are the only people who play video games, or Gov. Abbott, who blames it on mental health issues and has yet to actually fund any mental health programs for Texans.

This is not about video games or mental health, it is about hatred and bigotry. The shooter hated my hometown so much, he just had to drive 650 miles all the way from Allen to El Paso, to gun down innocent people who were shopping on a Saturday morning. He knew that there would be people who are vulnerable because of their (perceived) ethnicity, documentation status, or country of origin. People were scared to reach out for help because of their immigration status; They could not get medical attention because their because of the threat to their safety. No one should have to live in that kind of fear, especially when they are fighting for their lives. You have helped to create this climate where people are not only targeted for these things they cannot control, but they are also left for dead because they know they cannot depend on you because you fail people every day. WHITE NATIONALISM IS A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, NOT A BORDER WALL!

What happened in my city was was not an isolated incident, as gun violence has become routine for this country. Every day, people all over this county worry, "Will my city be next?" and more often, the answer ends up being "yes." Six days after the horror at the Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California and less than 14 hours after the massacre in my hometown, 9 more people were killed in Dayton, Ohio.

In 2019 alone, there have been: 250 mass shootings 8,734 deaths 17,308 injuries 0 action taken (sending "thoughts and prayers" doesn't count)

CHANGE CANNOT COME SOON ENOUGH! People all over this country are asking "How many more?" until policy changes are made? There have been 2,189 mass shooting since Sandy Hook. How any more until children — some as young as the first graders of Sandy Hook, may they rest in peace — don't have to fear of being shot in their own schools, people don't have to think twice about going to the mall to shop, or getting groceries at the supermarket, or watching a movie in a theater, or attending a service at a place of worship, a concert, or a food festival?

As Connecticut Sen. Murphy said, "These shooters contemplating mass slaughter, take note of their government's inaction, and they infer this silence as an endorsement (...) For every national leader who wakes up on Monday, and decides to nothing — again — just know that blood is soaking deeper into your hands." Whether you admit it or not, there is blood on your hands. As you were elected to represent Texans like me, I'd like to ask you, what are you going to do about this?

This is not a partisan issue, this concerns anyone who steps out of their home because we are at risk of losing our lives. Unlike you, we don't have armed guards to protect us. We shouldn't need to because you should be doing your best to make this state livable; Right now, it is a war zone and innocent people are being targeted and killed. DO BETTER OR THOSE OF US WHO SURVIVE WILL ELECT SOMEONE WHO WILL.

Protect people, not guns. You need to answer to your constituents, do not sell us out to the NRA.

Message:

When are you going to get serious about gun laws ? How many more innocent people must die?

Message:

This is your fault for supporting lax gun laws, a racist administration, and not contradicting lies about Texas, specifically the border where I live. This blood is on your hands. I demand that you stop investigating ANTIFA who has never killed anyone, and instead investigated the white supremacist terror cells and the propaganda that radicalized them: the president, Fox News, infowars, Qanon, 8chan. I demand an immediate ban on high capacity weapons. They are 100% unnecessary vanity toys that are able to do huge damage in a short period of time.

You need to do this or resign immediately and make way for someone who cares about the safety and our right to live in peace in our public spaces. You have failed. Now make it right or get out of the way for someone who can.

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Message:

why can you not tell trump that he is causeing this shooting problem

Message:

Sad day for Texas and the nation with 20 dead and 40 wounded at shopping center. Your comments as seen on CNN asking for the usual thoughts and prayers was so trite in view of the mass shootings with assault type weapons in our country, that you need to have the courage to stand up and speak out against these weapons of war that have no place in our society. More guns in the hands of more people are not the answer as your own state with open carry and concealed carry has demonstrated in this particular instance WHERE PRESUMABLY MANY PEOPLE IN THE MALL WERE ARMED AND COULD NOT DO ANYTHING to stop the shooter who was armed with an assault weapon that can fire off hundreds of rounds in a very short time. These weapons must be taken off the streets of America. We are in a crisis. Are you so afraid of the NRA that you don't give a damn about the public safety I hope that is not the case. The NRA and those who are afraid they will lose their jobs in government if they take a stand against the NRA are not patriots. the NRA and their quislings, and I count you as one among them, have the blood of all victims of assault weapon shootings dripping from their pusillanimous psyches. Grow a backbone !!!!

Message:

Have heard you speak regarding the mass shooting in El Paso thru out the day. Yes, Gov, the mass shooting is TX. So long as you and all your Republican elected officials in TX continue to support the trump administration, fail to pass any effective gun control legislation, and accept any money from the NRA, any gun lobbying group and any individual who is a far right gun rights person, it is TX. Your two Senator's continue to support trump and never speak up regarding his racist hate/fear talk and are thus enablers and just as responsible for the increase in hate crimes, including the El Paso mass shooting, as trump is responsible. Any reasonable person who looks at the data knows hate crimes have taken a major up tick since trump became the Republican Party of nominee. All you Rs are responsible for the absolutely unnecessary sacrifice of the 20 dead and 26 injured. That includes you personally.

You dropped back to the old Republican standby. Cannot talk politics now - have to focus on the memorial services. NO! Now is the time to talk politics, policies, your parties hate and fear talk. NOW is the time for meaningful ACTION. So, you are going to prosecute the killer, wow even going to prosecute as a hate crime. What else would you do? Hold a parade for the killer, praise the killer? Of course you would prosecute the killer. That is not significant action. That is routine action. Now that you guys have stated the obvious, what are you really going to do to stop the hate crimes, guns in the hands of violent young men, the proliferation of guns of increasing deadly capability. This is NOT and issue of hunters keeping their guns and the wild left wing radicals out to deny someone their 2nd Amendment rights. The Republican Party, you the TX Senators and all elected TX Republicans have an absolute moral imperative to act and act NOW.

Also, I have already tired of the Republican response being that this does not define the community or the State in which the mass shooting occurred. That the community or State is about all the people who rally around to address the shooting. Communities have been responding to disasters by rallying around all my life. So again, just the obvious is being said. Say something of significance, say how you are going to lead as happened in New Zealand within days of the mass shooting there.

Hanging back, playing safe politics, continuing to support a man who spews hate and fear, party over Country is not acceptable. Be a leader not an enabler of the continuation of hate crimes and illogical gun rights over the safety of your State and our nation. I believe anyone who claims to be Christian needs to remember that Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love God and to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Would you really like to have politicians treat your safety with indifference, continue to support for a man who spews hate and fear everyday, talking only the obvious and then do nothing, absolutely nothing to ensure your safety? What will it take for you Rs to change. Will you have to experience the death or injury of a loved one in a mass shooting or street gun violence to finally move towards a Christian response? No one is safe in America now. Where will the next mass shooting occur, a sports event, a grocery store, another school, walking down the street, a restaurant, a park, in the backyards of a neighborhood? You willing to have any loved one go out in public anymore?

Message:

In response to EL PASO, you need to enact common sense gun safety laws. We need to support laws that would expand background checks, restrict access to guns for convicted violent criminals, and ban the sale of military-type guns and ammunition. Im saddened and angry at the lack of progress in gun safety reform by the federal government, now it's time for our state to take a stand and protect our communities.



Message:

Nice job, cowboy Greg.. WTF were you thinking? Gun rights advocate? Wake TF up, cowboy. There's blood on your mitts. How's the NRA's and Trump's ass taste now, cowboy? And please, no bullshit "thoughts and prayers." DO SOMETHING.

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Message:

Just another normal day in the SHITHOLE USofA!

Thank fuck I don't live in your shithole of a country!

Message:

The "flag at half staff" for the El Paso victims is a sad statement about our state's response to the horrific shootings of people that have occurred in the last few years. How many times must we lower the flag, bow our heads, have a moment of silence - before our elected representatives actually do something to prevent this carnage? And when these horrible actions are done in the name of racism, as espoused by our President, when are YOU Gov. Abbott going to do something about it?

Message:

You lie about mental illness being a large factor in these mass shootings, typical ammosexual. The vast majority of people with mental illness are not violent. Only 3%-5% of violent acts are attributed to mental illness, and most don't involve guns.

A tiny fraction of gun violence is committed by the mentally ill Drug and alcohol abuse are much more important factors than, say, schizophrenia. https://www.vox.com/2015/10/1/18000532/gun-violence-mental-illness

Shame on you for stoking fear of the mentally ill when the real problem is the reichwing gunhugging bigots that you adore.

Message:

Hello Govenor Abbot,

You and your parties continued support of a racist President is the reason your state suffers today.

Good day sir. I hope you will cease with your support of a racist President. Have a spine. This is not the party of Bush and Reagan. Mr. Trump is a stain on the GOP!

Message:

I am a verified voter in Texas. I am tired of waking up to another senseless shooting, I am tired of no action, and only thoughts and prayers. I didn't vote for you, but you do represent me. I do not pretend to have all the answers, even though my initial reaction is to say ban weapons that can kill so many people in so little time. All I ask now is that you DO SOMETHING, ANYTHING that tries to reduce all of these mass shootings. Condemn these white supremacist! call them terrorists like they are! Study the issue! Do something! Please do not say this is not the time for politicizing the issue and bring solutions through our representatives. We have had more mass shootings than days in the year, with the frequency this happens, we do not have time to reflect because we are always mourning. YEsterday, el Paso, today Dayton! DO SOMETHING!

Message:

Please work to make our country and our state safe. One mass shooting a century is too many, but we've had more than one per day so far in 2019. Please work with our legislators to make changes, ANY changes, to try to make people feel safe in their neighborhoods, jobs, schools, and churches. Something has to be done, and it has to be done soon. At this point, it can be about guns, bullying, or programs to help people see the humanity in others to end hatred, racism, and the division of our citizenship. Please and thank you.

Message:

"Guns don't kill people;" aggrieved, bigoted, misogynistic white men with easy access to guns and emboldened by the president's hateful rhetoric kill people. Call out the president on his incitement of violence, make access to mental health care more accessible, and make guns harder to get.

Message:

WISDOM for all of us from Charles Bennett:

"When we, as a society, stepped over the dead bodies of our children at Wedgewood Baptist church and Columbine High School and did nothing but defend the NRA, we became, collectively, guilty of every mass shooting death since. I cant determine what the answer to the problem is but Im not paid to".

You are. You have blood on your hands. DO YOUR JOB!

Message:

I have ideas for so many years and once again a mass shooting....no one pays any mind to hear about technology issues that will put all this to a stop...i have given ideas about stopping school shooters and if things were done the ways i belive it should be done none of this would have happen and if it does occur any gunman will be neutralize in a matter of secondsdo you have any idea how many people could be killed in 45 seconds with an ak47....its ashame and honestly and with all do respect i blame all this on whomever is not listening to ideas that will stop all of this....to stop a criminal. You have to think like a criminal....i am a man that has done prison time i dont care who judges me...i lived it all and saw it allor almost all and i know how gunman and criminal think...soooo hear i go again trying to be heard....lets see if Texas hears me now that newyork obviously doesn't care about what i have to say but when things happen what bothers me is that if i was listened to none of this will be happening because I'm full of ideas that will work and be 98% affective......have a gday and my condolences to all that died or got shot in texas......hope to hear from someone soon..so yhat we could put an end to all this mass shootings around the globe....i strongly belive my ideas should be listened to.....may god bless us all....



Message:

I cannot believe that our current governor cares more about gun rights than he does about his own citizens' lives. I want gun control laws passed IMMEDIATELY. I want you to stand with the people and not hide behind your greed and cowardice. You sir Abbott, are a disgrace for allowing this to go on for so long. May god have mercy on your soul.

Message:

Gov. Abbott,

Like many Americans, I watched with deep sorrow and pain the aftermath of the terrible shooting in El Paso. Only to wake up this morning to find out about the equally horrific Dayton Ohio shooting. One day in America, two assault weapons, 29 dead, 52 injured!!

I listened to your speech in El Paso after the shooting with great attention. You appropriately expressed sympathy and support for the victims and their families and promised severe punishment for the shooter. However, I did not hear one word about gun control or any other actions that might reduce the insane number of mass shooting incidents that plague America.

To refuse to address and support even the most rudimentary and common sense gun control measures, such as universal background checks and bans on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, speaks to the darkest side of human nature, that you have sold your heart and soul to the NRA and gun manufactures. Shame on you! If you don't find the courage and integrity to oppose the gun lobby, you will be complicit in any future mass shootings and will have the blood of many more dead Americans on your hands.

Message:

I've been noticing the one thing these shooters almost always have in common. They are all hooked on video games. These games remove the true sense of consequence from killing and death

Message:

I read several reports with comments attributed to you regarding the latest shooting in El Paso. This is not about mental health and it doesn't matter in the slightest where your fellow Texan Daniel Crusius came from. Please stop this type of deflection. This was ANOTHER homegrown white terrorist who committed mass murder with a legally purchased weapon of mass destruction. And now it appears that he, like the shooter in Gilroy California, was inspired or emboldened by this President's divisive and dangerous rhetoric. There have been more mass shootings so far this year than the number of days between January 1 and today. How many more children and others have to die before you and your fellow government officials pack up your insulting and ineffective "thoughts and prayers" and take honest and definitive action? i don't require, or need, a response. I know you have your hands full, I just hope that it's with doing the right and moral thing.

Message:

These acts of violence are no longer just another mass shooting. They are acts of terrorism and should be named as such. Please, please, please call out these hateful terrorist for who they are, and demand that assault-style weapons are banned.

As your constituent, I beg you. I beg you. Because I am tired of this happening. Enough is enough.

Message:

Your comments about this massacre failed to mention as single word about gun control. Shame on you.

Prayers alone after the shootings already occur won't fix this issue. You speak of being completely supportive of the families, yet you miserably

fail to talk about preventative measures.

You should step down from your office.

Message:

What is Governor Abbott doing to protect Texans from white nationalist terrorists and radicalized Christian terrorists? I always thought Texas was a place we would never see terrorism because of our tough, no nonsense stance on crime and people knew that Texans defend themselves. Because of these reasons, we would never have terrorists on our land, but here we are. We now have terrorists radicalized by their religion and some sick twisted sense of racial divides and they are here in Texas, with no fear in carrying out their plans.

As a father, a husband, a citizen of Texas, and a licensed gun carrier, I would like to know, specifically, what Governor Abbot and Lt. Governor Patrick plan to do to put the fear of Texas back into any would be white national terrorists or radicalized Christian terrorists?

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For God's sake, how can you in good conscience allow virtually no oversight of gun purchases in your state? Get off the corrupt NRA political contribution bandwagon. Are you still embarrassed by being no. 2 in gun sales after California? Guess what - 13.5% of paralysis injuries result from gun shot wounds. What will your legacy be? Will you be on your deathbed saying, "Gee, so glad I supported the NRA. What a strange coincidence that hundreds or thousands in my state died as the result of guns."

Message:

Take a stand against this trend of gun violence. America is not great when we slaughter each other. Let us be known for safety, not for doing nothing time and time again while innocent Americans are slaughtered by the hands of killers with guns. Pass basic gun reform now! Stand up and actually do something for God sake! Thoughts and prayers are bullshit. Legal. Action. Today. Federal gun laws today. Federal background checks today. Federal mandated waiting periods today.

Message:

Do something in our great state to stop mass shootings while still allowing us to maintain our 2nd Amendment rights. Raise the age to purchase firearms to 21 - how silly is it that you cannot drink or soon purchase cigarettes until you are 21 but you can buy guns? Work on a better background check. Make parents responsible if they don't take precautions to keep guns out of the hands of their children. Do something today and be a hero.

Message:

Stop the killing. Work for reasonable gun control now.

Message:

Governor Abbott, I am tired of " thoughts and prayers"

Message:

5:30 PM

8/3/2019

Dear Governor Abbott,

With Deep Sympathy

• I just heard the tragic news of the 12 reported in TX Walmart died and want to say how deeply sorry I am. It was so unexpected, which makes it even harder on those of us who share your grief. I hope that the outpouring of sympathy you are receiving is some consolation at this very sad time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. I was wondering if you can do me two favors and that is to pass this first message to the grieving families. Our thoughts are with you.

- Thinking of you in these difficult times.
- My prayers are with you and your family.
- Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow.
- Sharing in your sorrow with love and friendship.
- No words can describe how sorry I am for your loss.
- My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow.
- My Deepest Sympathy

Second, I was wondering if you can wish President Barack Obama a Happy Birthday on August 4, 2019, and also to encourage Melia and Sasha to continue to make a difference in the world in which we live.

Have a Great Day,



Message:

My heart goes out to my fellow Americans who are suffering today and those who loss their life during the events of yesterday. I heard your words of community echo here in FL which seemed sincere. I wonder how those words line up with the words you choose not to say in the face of political gain and comfort. It is my hope that one weighs more than the other in your deeds of action in the days to come do that people and unity are more important than all the challenges that you face as a leader. Especially in the face of people who choose to divide truth, integrity, justice, and courage. They are all cut from the same spirit just as we are all created by one God.



Message:

Dear Governor Abbott. Please pass sensible gun control now, including banning assault rifles for everyone and requiring background checks and waiting periods for ALL firearms. People are dying and their blood is on the state and US government's hands. Each person is ultimately held responsible for the actions they do take and the actions they don't take. The leaders that history remembers are the ones that make the right, tough choices.

Message:

Governor Abbott, what are you going to do to eliminate automatic weapons meant for war being sold in Texas? Saying this is not Texan is not enough. Deal with the root causes ... availability of automatic weapons, hate speech and white nationalism. Be a leader, courage and country first.

Thank you.

Message:

I saw you on the news this morning after the massacre in Texas. What a coward you are for not speaking out about what it was, A hate crime. And this hate crime is the result of our president who spews hate for Mexicans and anyone else of color in this country that he thinks doesn't belong here. Well maybe his wife should be the first one in line to leave the country. It is disgusting and I am disgusted and embarrassed of this country right now and especially of our president and every Republican that stands up for this wicked horrible Hitler wanna be man.

Message:

After the mass shooting in El Paso, the tenth mass shooting this week, it is clear that our state needs to act on common sense gun control. Texas has some of the loosest gun laws in the country and simply going about our ordinary lives has become dangerous. You need to start acting to protect the people of our state and enact stronger gun laws, including universal background checks, gun registration, and red flag laws.

In Texas, our laws are unacceptable. You are not required to have a state permit to purchase a gun. There is no gun registration. No owner license is required. There is no magazine capacity restriction. There is no background check required for private sales.

Texas needs to take action to change these laws and put real protections in place so that people aren't in constant fear of being gunned down during their everyday lives.

I am tense every time I'm in a crowd, wondering if a white nationalist is about to open fire. Worse, I have to worry about what might happen if a "good guy with a gun" tries to respond and I get caught in the crossfire. Or if, when the police show up, they assume multiple shooters are involved because multiple people have guns out and innocent people are killed. There are too many risks in letting people carry a gun freely.

In Texas, it is far harder to vote than carry a gun. If you are going to require background checks and registration for one, why not the other? Owning and carrying a gun should have the same type of strict restrictions voting should have: only the right people should do it under the right circumstances

Message:

Greg:

Provide funding for all shopping malls so that they can buy the bullet proof shields that should be of at least 8 feet height and have police /security staff in all shopping malls in all corners of the store 24/7 and 365 days a year. Since you or any GOP can do nothing with gun control instead just say as mental illness but recent shootings are not mental illness.

Without effecting 2nd amendment, you can even implement policies on Gun Control. Look at all shootings that is happening in Houston and other places in Texas and do a full analysis on Gun loop holes and such....final bottom line is --Have strict Gun Purchase laws and need to collect the reason on why people want to buy guns if we have a racist President sitting in the white house....

If you are unable to implement strict Gun laws it is better to resign and sit in your home and pray for people whoever died with Gun Violence. All people whoever died they will never become alive as god only has the power to do so...so have strict gun control policies being in affect. If I am the Governor, then my first day is to control Gun Violence as many people are dyeing because of Gun Violence, Drugs and Smoking cigarettes.

I will shut down entire Cigarette sales, Gun sales and shut down all gun lobby offices and NRA Offices and such.... and take away all military style weapons and have a rubber bullets instead of real bullets for all people who use guns. Only Police and law enforcement and such agencies are authorized to have real bullets.

Once again I want to say that--the gun violence in El Paso Texas is not due to mental health problem but it is purely due to white supremacist and hate towards immigrants and also 40% is due to Trump speeches during campaign rally on immigrants and such....just do not escape in implementing strict gun laws by just saying mental problems....If you are a real governor then solve this gun violence in entire Texas and thereafter you are eligible to say as a Governor else you are only eligible to designate yourself as a criminal since Gun Violence is a Crime and those who support crimes is also a Crime and those who support crimes are designated as criminals and not Governor.

Note: Read above content at least 100 times that way every word written will be sitting in your brain since you people also have mental health problems since you are incompetence to solve a particular problem.

Regards,

Message:

Dear Governor,

Sprinklers Jam Guns

We should have standard protocol that water sprinklers go off if there's any active shooter. Causing disorientation to the shooter, a possible gun jam, and chance for people to escape. Fire sprinklers are already in place and non-toxic. Please writer your heads of government and request this tactic to be standard protocol.

Message:

My letter to Cruz & Cornyn va RESIST :

I BLAME YOU!!

You stoke the fears of white nationalists and then send empty words of condolences when a mass shooting occurs.

I BLAME YOU!!

You vote to take away healthcare coverage and blocked Medicare expansion in this state, including mental health and then say 'these individuals had mental health problems' when there's yet another mass shooting!

I BLAME YOU!!

You and the President make it seem as if Texas is being 'invaded' by Hispanics when Texas was part of Mexico to begin with. If anything, it's been invaded by white Anglo Saxon people far from their homelands, who don't care about nature, the environment or people. You worship money!

Btw, look up the definition of Hispanic. You're talking about parts of Europe too.

I BLAME YOU!!

You support a President that also stokes the fear of white terrorists. You stand by silently as he basks in the warmth of hatred at his rallies. You say nothing. When he says the Democrats want to take everyone's guns away, you say nothing.

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You were elected to represent ALL of Texas! Yes, even the Hispanics! You're busy authorizing ICE raids for people at work, tearing their families apart so the President can give you a gold star on your chart. You run your own little form of domestic terrorism with your concentration camps. You're so busy getting off on terrorizing and dehumanizing 'Hispanics' you've lost any moral fiber you may have had at one point.

I BLAME YOU!!

You've sold your soul to the devil. You can try and tell yourself you didn't but deep down, you know you did. Those working for you and staying silent have as well.

I BLAME YOU!!

This Collin County resident will not be voting for you. You've shown your true colors time and time again. Your empty thoughts and prayers mean nothing.

Message:

Very disappointed in your press conference in El Paso. Seems as though the only reason you came was to divert attention from a hate crime by talking about mental health. Texas deserves better, This is a crisis greater than 911. Then we were attacked by foreign terrorists. Now we are being attacked by AMERICANs, not Afghans, Iranians, or Syrians! Republicans need to wake up and smell the coffee before society starts to unravel. Parents are not going to tolerate their kids being killed by White Nationalists for long.

Message:

 $Mass\ shootings:\ https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=tUY05_ZwFzg$

Message:

Governor Abbott you have failed miserably with keeping citizens in the State of Texas safe. You have bragged on occasions how many guns there were in Texas, you have allowed people to carry guns concealed, you continually disallowed/ vetoed bills that have come across your desk that concern gun reform and now this horrific shooting in El Paso. You have also allowed the inhumane treatment of children and adults on the border. I have watched you shamelessly bend to Washington demands. Now we have a mentally ill President who does not have the ability to feel compassion and inflicts and approves the most horrible crimes against the helpless. Maybe your "mental health" big ideas might work on him. You need to decide who you will follow in the next days and those people you choose to represent. I don't believe there is much hope for you. You have sold your soul, like many Republicans. This is not Nazi Germany sir and we do not need anyone in place of authority who is going along with trump. It is my suggestion and many I have talked with that believe you and your boys should fade away. We have no patience for state or federal leaders to stay in office and

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I realize that there will always be criminals who will be able to smuggle a gun. I also realize that we can never stop bad things from happening. While I agree thoughts and prayers are needed, but I cannot help but recall as James 2:14-17, What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

We need to take action. I am sure that you are aware of the fact that the US has more gun-related deaths than other high-income countries. According to lawcenter.giffords.org, the US gun homicide rate is 25 times higher than other high-income countries and that the US accounting for only 4% of the world's population, it accounts for 9% of global firearms homicides. One statistic that has really hit me to the core is that there were 14,542 gun homicides in 2017. That number of people is three times the size of my town of Lampasas. The statistics go on but all I see is that we are failing as a society and that we are losing. This should not be a partisan issue but rather a statement to how are we going to strive to have a lower homicide rate in the years to come.

I know that requiring people to register their firearms and take mental health exams every year would not be popular among everyone. However, I believe that it would be a step in the right direction and would allow every person who is sane to still maintain their 2nd Amendment rights. Maybe this is not the answer. I could be completely wrong but all I know that the current laws and system is not working and there needs to be change. I think if you were to initiate and implement these changes, history would remember you. I know I would.

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Message:

Way to Go all you pathetic self-serving narcissists-Press conference- of the Governor, Mayor, Police, and FBI All of you backslapping one another And not one of you has the Fucking Balls to say "THIS WILL STOP!!-and we will do EVERYTHING we can to stop this insanity including Gun Control!" Fucking Cowards Take your prayers and shove them up your Ass!

Message:

We need constitutional carry in this state. No mass shootings in states with it

Message:

I'm sure you'll get a lot of these so I'll keep this brief. You need to speak out against the blatantly racist, xenophobic, and divisive rhetoric of the president of the US. You need to call a special legislative session to address gun violence. You need to remind Lt. Governor Patrick that students are completely free to pray in schools if they wish. But that has nothing to do with white supremacists shooting innocent people.

Message:

Honorable Abbott,

I listened to your comments regarding the El Paso tragedy, it was difficult to believe them. With all due respect, if you truly cared about Texans, you would be pushing legislation to outlaw assault rifles/machine gun style weapons in our state. I realize you probably take a lot of money from gun advocates, but keep in mind your number one job as our governor is to keep us safe...you are failing.

I can tell you, I will not even consider voting for you to be re-elected if you do not work hard to stop this violence by outlawing the mass killing guns.

Sincerely,

Message:

I live in Texas, a few miles from Sutherland Springs. It is time for you to be a leader. I grew up in Wyoming, we had guns, they were for hunting and putting injured animals out of their misery. I am a spouse of a veteran, that is how I ended up in Texas, I do not want to be ashamed of that.

We absolutely need to have some common sense gun control into practice. Background checks and mandatory lessons are a minimum for gun ownership.

My mother told me that when I got behind the wheel of a car that I was operating a lethal weapon. The same common sense should be applied to a gun.

It really isn't that scary to stand for common sense.

Message:

4 of the 10 deadliest mass shootings in US history have occurred in Texas. What we're doing is not working. Please urge president Trump to tone down his rhetoric and lead the nation in civil discourse. Please also lead and support the following gun control measures in Texas: 1) passage of a red flag law enabling law enforcement the authority to remove guns from people who are a threat to society; 2) ban the sale and possession of high capacity magazines; and 3) ban sale of assault weapons in Texas.

Respectfully,



Message:

How many mass killings in Texas alone, Greg?

You do not give a hoot for Texans or Texans lives, just keep the NRA and Trump base happy, right?

Start somewhere on gun control if you have any nerve at all. Universal background checks, maybe? Not a magic bullet (ha, ha) but a start.

Also, WHEN ARE YOU AND OUR LOWLY SENATORS (CRUZ AND CORNYN) GOING TO STOP ENDORSING THE HATRED (AND IT IS HATRED) SPOUSED BY TRUMP. YOU OUTRIGHT COWARD.

Message:

Hello Gov Abbott, Please consider VERY STRONGLY to do an Assault Rifle BAN in your state!!! Open Carry is bad enough, but the El Paso racist white terrorist killing is the MOST HORRIBLE event in USA, and speaks very badly to all of us. Show REAL LEADERSHIP, BE BOLD, and DO tHE RIGHT ACTION : BAN these WAR WEAPONS NOW from us civilians in peacetime America !!!

Message:

I'm tired of seeing so much gun violence. Not just the mass shootings but the also the number of suicides, etc...

A simple statistician can show you that more guns means more gun violence and more deaths. Stop taking money from the NRA and start shutting it down. In history, America will go down as one of the worst countries to handle gun violence. You need to advocate for strict penalties on gun owners who act irresponsibly with guns. This isn't a mental health issue. It is about access to military style weapons. Stop allowing citizens the ability to buy them and implement stiff penalties on owners who have them illegally. I'm tired of the inaction and arming teachers isn't the answer, i.e. giving people more guns is just plain stupid. I'm tired of seeing this and I want to see action from my government now.

Message:

Please enact a Texas state policy solution to eliminate gun violence in our state. I believe that only increasing gun control measures will make a difference. There is no good reason for civilians to have military style weapons nor be able to carry concealed weapons in public. No civilian in El Paso's Walmart shooting was able to protect themselves because they had a right to carry a handgun in public, concealed or open. Being able to "protect oneself" with a gun from a terrorist in highly populated area is a false representation of security you are giving to citizens. You need to get a handle on gun control by requiring stronger screenings of buyers/owners, auditing ownership of existing guns among Texas residents and increasing accountability on gun producers/sellers putting them in the hands of criminals. If you and other Republicans do not do something about this, I will not be voting for your re-election in 2020. Please show some leadership on this problem.

Message:

Once again the governor has vowed "The state of Texas will do everything it can to ensure justice is delivered to the perpetrators of this heinous act." And yet refuses to do everything he can to ensure safety of the citizens of this state by enacted sensible gun control. Gun control can be created that protects the constitution (though I disagree with the interpretation that this state has elected to take) AND controls the type of firearms available to the public and who has the ability to acquire a firearm.

Once again, the governor is asking for prayers for the victims in the El Paso shooting. I pray for our legislation - that it will take the moral high ground and stop asking for prayers and do something to control the outrageous ability of people to easily gun down multiple lives in a matter of minutes.

Tired of prayers - Waiting for action.

Message:

Governor Abbott,

Please, by all means...send your thoughts and prayers to the people of El Paso, Dayton, Chicago - any of the other cities in which the 250 mass shootings happened this year. Or any of the innumerable cities where mass shootings have happened across the United States for many years now. But do not stop there. You have a responsibility to the people of Texas and of the United States to make a change. You have a responsibility to our children.

My father and both brothers served in the Army. My husband served in the Navy. He now works in the field of domestic violence. I have dedicated my career to helping children in foster care. Would the shooter in El Paso have cared? He or any of the other shooters? How can I tell my children that they are safe in the world when children are targeted in schools, families are targeted in places of worship and in stores? When people are targeted for skin that is brown, just like theirs'.

Thoughts and prayers aren't working. Do it if it helps you, but don't kid yourself into thinking it does anything for the victims, their families or the terrorized communities.

Stop making excuses. Start taking action.

Message:

Really, I just heard you speak after the El Paso shooting and you refused to answer a question about prevention because you said it was political. Political/ you got to be kidding. 36000 American lives lost every year and you said answering such a question was political. Oh yeah that's right, have we waited long enough since Sandy Hook and on and on and on to answer this question? What have you done to lead our state to prevent this on going violence? This is not a political question it is a pro life question. Start answering it.

Message:

DEAR GOVERNOR GOOD MORNING,

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, PEOPLES ARE AFRAID TO GO EVERYWHERE IN TEXAS, CHURCHES, GROCERY, MALLS, DRIVING CARS NIGHT TIME, EVEN DAYTIME, WALK FREELY STREETS., DUE GUNS ARE WITH CRAZY PEOPLES OR EVERYWHERE, YOU TELL ME IN WHAT WHITE POPULATION COUNTRY YOU CAN BUY GUNS, LIKE POTATOES, EUROPE INCLUDING RUSSIA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZELAND OR CANADA ??? I RESPECT YOU, BUT DEAR GOVERNOR, STOP POLITICS, THIS IS NOT FREEDOM OR DEMOCRACY, THIS IS COUNTRY IN CHAOS.

WITH ALL RESPECT ,MAKE ACTION NOW ,AND YOUNG PEOPLES IN THE SCHOOLS , COLLEGES ,UNIVERSITY TO LEARN HOW TO RESPECT PEOPLES OF THIS PLANET AND NOT HATE. SOME FAMILIES IN TEXAS ARE OUT OF TOUCH. ,NOT HAVE CLUE ABOUT THE WORLD. MAKE TEXAS BEAUTIFUL / SAFE AND YOU WILL BE THE BIGGEST GOVERNOR OF TEXAS ,EVER I AM NOT IN NOT ONE PARTIES , I AM INDEPENDENT , I DON'T LIKE POLITICS , I LIKE HOENST PEOPLES , ONLY . SINCERELY ,AND HAVE A NICE SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 7, 2019

| Attire: | Business |
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| Lunch: | Boxed Lunches from Mansion (Coordinated by DPS) |

| 10:45AM | |
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| Meeting : | Senator Briefing |
| Location: | Region 19 Education Services Center |
| Room: | Private Room |
| Staff: | Luis Saenz |
| Advance: | Steven McCaig, 512-660-8656 m |
| Attendees: | Senator John Cornyn, Senator Ted Cruz |
| 11:00AM | |
| Meeting : El Pa | aso State Officials Briefing |
| Location: | Region 19 Education Services Center |
| Room: | Conference Room |
| Staff: | Luis Saenz, John Wittman, Marcus Clark, Aimee Snoddy, Brody Burks , Reilly Webb |
| Advance: | Steven McCaig, 512-660-8656 m |
| Attendees: | Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick; Speaker Dennis Bonnen; Senator Jose Rodriguez; |
| | Representative Cesar Blanco; Representative Evelina Ortega; Representative Joseph |
| | Moody; Representative Arthur Fierro; Cory Green, Texas Education Agency; |
| | Courtney Phillips, Health and Human Services; |
| # Attendees: | 25 +/- |
| Remarks: | Talking points included in brief |
| Press: | Open & Closed |
| AGENDA: 11:00AM | GGA proceeds to Conference Room to speak with press |
| 11:00AM 11:05AM | Press departs; briefing begins |
| 11:05AM 12:30PM | GGA departs and issues brief statement to press near exit point; no Q&A |
| 12.307111 | *Note: all other meeting attendees stay in conference room to continue briefing |
| | with agencies. Other officials TBD may depart after GGA to attend Tarmac |

2:00PM

| Tarmac Greeting: President Donald Trump | | |
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| Location: | FedEx Ship Center | |
| Attendees: | Unable to confirm | |
| # Attendees: | Unable to confirm | |
| Remarks: | N/A | |
| Press: | Open, White House Photographer | |
| AGENDA: | | |
| 12:45PM - | GGA proceeds to hold room | |
| 2:00PM - | Air Force One Lands | |
| 2:05PM - | President Donald J. Trump deplanes | |
| 2:10PM - | President Trump proceeds to mix and mingle with the Friends and Family pen | |
| 2:13PM - | President Trump and GGA proceed to Presidential Motorcade | |
| 2:15PM - | Presidential Motorcade departs | |

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 7, 2019

2:30PM

| Visit: El Paso Victims and Family Members | | |
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| Location: | University Medical Center - El Paso | |
| Attendees: | Unable to confirm | |

TBD PM

Briefing: President Trump

Location: El Paso 911 Call Center Attendees: Unable to confirm

4:30PM

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| Meeting: | El Paso District Attorney Jaime Esparza |
| Location: | Esparza's Office |
| Staff: | Luis Saenz, John Wittman |

From:

To:

Date: 8/7/2019 3:50:08 PM

Subject: Sending my condolences and prayers for healing and recovery to all in El Paso and in Texas

[WARNING] - The sender of this email could not be validated, and may not match the display name. [EXTERNAL SENDER] - Do not click on links or open attachments in unexpected messages.

Dear Luis,

We met at an RNC meeting and we discussed the possibility of Governor abbott speaking to the CTGOP. I would be very grateful if you would forward this message to Governor Abbott. Thank you very much.

Dear Governor Abbott,

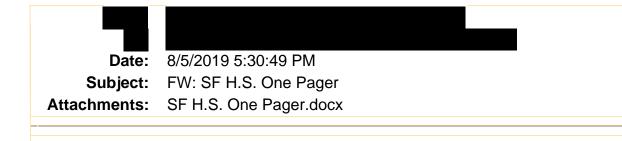
I have been grieving for the residents of El Paso since I heard the horrific news on Saturday. To have it followed within hours by the massacre in Dayton is overwhelming and points to a deep problem in American Culture and Society. I appreciate President Trump's words condemning racism, bigotry and white supremacy, but it is time for America to turn back to God. There is a void in American life from the absence of God in the Public Schools and the Public Square. There is a lack of faith, basic tenets of right and wrong and intact families in many homes. I would like to see a National Day of Prayer starting out with a National Prayer for Healing, Reconciliation and Unity. Faith leaders of all major religions should be represented and given an opportunity to lead America in Prayer. I would hope that all Members of Congress and the Senate would also attend along with the President and his Cabinet. If they don't clasp hands to lead the American People through this terrible, destabilizing moment in our national history, then they are not interested in repairing America, just their own power.

These young men who are deranged enough to commit these mass murders are clearly lacking in any spirituality, basic tenets of our Judeo-Christian moral values and clearly have no love for their fellow man. They have been victims of at least two decades or more without God in our public and private life or in their education process. In the late 1960's through the 1970's when I was in public school, we started every day with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Even though I felt discomfort as a Jewish child at the mention of Jesus in those prayers, I did learn the inherent values in the messages everyday. That no longer happens in a country where we have banned God from the schools and public discourse. After the bullying I experienced in school because I was Jewish, I never thought I would say this but I would hope that there would be a way to reinstate a nondenominational communal prayer in public schools as well as the Pledge of Allegiance, which is being banned in many school districts today. These two things teach values, love for our fellow man and for our country. I posit that this could be a major component among others being discussed that will help to end this madness. To combat hatred, we need love; if someone holds love for their fellow Americans and their country in their heart from a young age, they will not commit these violent hateful acts.

I send my deepest condolences to the victims' families and friends, to the citizens of El Paso and to the citizens of Texas. May their loved ones' memories always be a blessing to those who knew and loved them.

Sincerely,

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From: John Wittman

Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 5:26 PM

To: Cc:

Subject: SF H.S. One Pager

Nicholas and Michael,

Attached is a one-pager on what Governor Abbott did immediately following the Santa Fe High School Shooting.

Let me know if you need anything else.





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In the aftermath of the Santa Fe High School shooting, which left eight students and two teachers dead, Governor Abbott convened three days of roundtables to listen to students, teachers, law enforcement and other stakeholders and determine the best ways to ensure a tragedy like this never happens again.

Governor Abbott Announces Roundtables

- The Santa Fe High School shooting occurred on Friday, May 18, 2018.
- Within three days, Governor Abbott announced a series of roundtables to generate solutions that improve safety and security at Texas schools and in our communities, with the first roundtable occurring on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.
- The roundtables included voices from across Texas, including parents, teachers, students, legislators, and interest groups that advocate for and against further gun regulations.

Release: <u>https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-set-to-host-series-of-roundtable-events-to-discuss-school-safety</u>

Media: <u>https://www.texastribune.org/2018/05/21/texas-gov-greg-abbott-roundtable-discussions-after-santa-fe-shooting-s/</u>

Roundtables Result in School and Firearm Safety Action Plan

- On May 30, after a series of roundtables with school safety stakeholders, Governor Abbott unveiled a 40-point plan to address school safety in Texas.
- The proposal included calls for increasing law enforcement presence at schools, strengthening existing campus security programs, enhancing firearm safety, providing mental health evaluations that identify students at risk of harming others, and much more.
- Additionally, the plan included immediate funding that could be deployed to Santa Fe, as the community recovered from the shooting.

Release: <u>https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-unveils-plan-to-address-school-safety-in-texas</u>

Plan: <u>https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/School_Safety_Action_Plan_05302018.pdf</u> Media: <u>https://www.cbsnews.com/news/texas-governor-greg-abbott-school-safety-plan-in-wake-of-santa-fe-high-school-shooting-2018-05-30/</u>

Governor Abbott Signs School Safety Bills

- The legislature convened in January 2019, and using the ideas forged during the roundtables, they passed legislation to enhance safety at Texas schools.
- Among other things, Governor Abbott signed laws that devote more resources to mental health, including the creation of a mental health consortium to bring together professionals from Texas medical schools and other health care providers to connect children with mental health services.
- The bipartisan school safety measures also included funding to the tune of \$300 million over the next two years to address school safety.

Release: <u>https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-signs-legislation-to-enhance-school-safety-expand-access-to-mental-health-resources</u>

Media: <u>https://www.texastribune.org/2019/06/06/texas-santa-fe-mass-shooting-mental-health-school-safety/</u>

Dear Mr. Hirsch

I am writing on behalf of the United States Ambassador to Australia, Arthur B. Culvahouse Jr. A short while ago, the Ambassador received a text message from the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Scott Morrison MP. The Ambassador asked me to pass on Prime Minister Morrison's personal condolences, conveyed in his message below:

So terribly saddened by the senseless violence in El Paso that has taken so many innocent lives. My prayers are with the families and communities impacted as well as the first responders, Governor Abbott and of course the President. I met

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with Governor Abbott a few years ago. He is a very good man. Please pass on my personal condolences to him and the people of Texas.

Regards

Dawson,

Dawson Law

Political Officer

US Embassy Canberra, Australia

Official

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