



# CULPEPER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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President Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Age Restrictions on Certain Rifle Purchases

Dear Mr. President:

The recent shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School has shocked and saddened the entire nation. Countless suggestions have been made to prevent similar tragedies but they fail to account for the protection of our God-given right to self-defense and the protections of our Second Amendment. In particular, prohibiting rifle purchases until the age of 21 is an argument that fails to recognize the many members of law enforcement and the military serving with honor before reaching that age.

I would like to invite you to meet several of the Culpeper Deputy Sheriffs who began their careers at 18 or 19 years of age. These Deputies carry rifles and pistols both on and off duty every day while serving our community.

We must build a bulwark around our Second Amendment. What is the age to defend against Tyranny or the age of our right to self-defense? I would submit that the age of 18 has served our nation well for military service and voting rights.

With all due respect to our law makers and the victims of tragedy, we cannot allow hysteria to override sound decision-making. The actions of an evil few cannot be allowed to abolish or erode the constitutional rights of the law-abiding majority.

John Hinckley and Lee Harvey Oswald attacked two of the most highly protected men in the world without the use of an "assault weapon" or high capacity magazine. Changes in our gun laws will not stop evil from targeting "gun free zones." American schools can remove the label of "gun free zone" by either mandating armed law enforcement in every school or allowing the concealed carry of firearms in schools. Otherwise, without removal of all firearms in our nation, evil will continue to target those known to be unarmed.

Under the proposed age restriction, an 18 year old cannot buy a rifle but can be hired as a Deputy Sheriff or be sent by our military to die protecting our country. This wasn't the intent of our founders.

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As Sheriff, I invite you to please travel an hour south of the White House to meet some of our dedicated Deputies (photos attached) who began their careers well below the age of 21.

May God bless and guide you and our federal government.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me to arrange your visit.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott H. Jenkins", written in a cursive style.

Sheriff Scott H. Jenkins  
Culpeper County, Virginia

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