

Questions for the Record from Senator Dianne Feinstein for Mr. Thomas Manger, President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association

1. Chief Manger, I received the letter from the Major Cities Chiefs Association, which represents the largest metropolitan law enforcement agencies, expressing their “strong support for [our legislation] that will ban the sale, transfer, importation, manufacturing or possession” of bump-fire stocks. Thank you for sending it.

I understand you have carried a gun every day of your life for the past 41 years.

- *Do you see any reason for any civilian to own a bump-fire stock? Why or why not?*
 - *I do not see any reason for a civilian to own a bump-stock. It is meant to turn a semi-automatic firearm into an “automatic” firearm, which are illegal.*
 - *What about high capacity magazines – such as the ones that were in the possession of the Las Vegas gunman and the Sutherland Springs gunman?*
 - *Same as above. Their use should be for military or law enforcement only.*
 - *Are you concerned that not only are bump fire stocks not banned under existing law, but that other similar type devices are like the gat trigger crank?*
 - *Yes*
 - *Do you think Congress must act to get these dangerous weapons off of our streets?*
 - *yes*
2. Some members of this Committee support the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, which was voted on in the House of Representatives. The Act would essentially allow people to carry concealed firearms anywhere, even in states where it’s currently prohibited.
 - *Do you support the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act? Why or why not?*
 - *I do not support it. Each State should retain the authority to regulate concealed carry permits.*
 - *How will the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act make it harder for you, and other police chiefs like you, to do your job?*

- *Concealed weapons present an uncertain situation for police and the public. States should be able to have authority over who gets a permit to carry.*
3. I am deeply troubled that the Justice Department recently issued a memo that forced the FBI NICS background check database to drop more than 500,000 names of fugitives with outstanding arrest warrants, because it was uncertain whether those fugitives crossed state lines and fled a state.
 - *Do you think public safety will be at risk from this decision? Why or why not?*
 - *Yes, until these folks are exonerated in court, there is a reasonable suspicion that they may present a danger to the public. They should not be able to purchase or carry a firearm until they are exonerated by our judicial system.*
 4. Some have claimed that more gun ownership will prevent gun violence – and that lawful gun owners can keep the public safe by engaging with criminals when necessary.
 - *What are your views on lawful gun owners engaging in gunfire with criminals who are in the process of committing crimes?*
 - *This is nonsense. Unless and until all gun owners, gun holders, undergo extensive background checks, extensive psychological exams, and pass a qualification twice a year, and know the law regarding use of deadly force, it is a recipe for disaster. More guns at a crime scene does not make for more safety. And while every once in a while a citizen with a gun is able to safely resolve a bad situation, it more often results in more danger to the community, not less.*

Senator Klobuchar's question regarding the connection between domestic violence, stalking and gun violence...

There is often a direct connection between domestic violence and gun violence. This is the reason that judges often seize guns from perpetrators in these kinds of cases. When an abuser has access to a gun, it ramps up the danger for the victim.