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I want to thank everyone here today for allowing me to speak today and share my experiences and points of view regarding upcoming gun control measures.

First I want to introduce myself and explain more about my history as a responsible gun owner. As a survivor of domestic violence I found myself, 13 years ago, realizing that I am my own first responder and took the necessary steps to make sure that I would be able to protect myself and my small child from any harm. My decision was to purchase a handgun to make sure I felt secure within my home. However, I didn't just purchase a handgun I also spent a great deal of time training and learning the local firearm laws. Unfortunately the 10 days I had to wait to pick up my first firearm was a terrifying experience as that is the required waiting period in the state of California for responsible gun owners.

Fast forward to present day I am now a Firearms Educator, Firearm Store Co-Owner, member and advocate of the National African American Gun Association. As a firearms store owner in California I have seen first hand how difficult and challenging navigating firearm laws here have scared and prevented many residents from practicing their right responsibly. When laws are hard to navigate and understand this often leads too incorrect and bad behaviors thus increasing firearm accidents.

As a result my husband and I have dedicated our lives to ensuring our communities have the resources and knowledge they need to be successful in the firearm space, as we know its a difficult path to navigate. The Second Amendment is by far one of the most

misunderstood and controversial amendments of our Constitution. While many would like to see laws created that would further impede on our right to bear arms, I look forward to using my time to continue to educate on what it means to be a responsible firearm owner, how many of us successfully utilize these practices on a daily basis, and how common sense gun knowledge can aide in the retainment of our rights.

Best Regards,

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