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Dear Member of Congress,

The NRA and countless Americans offered prayers and condolences for those killed and wounded during the recent senseless assassination attempt on Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.).

Yet, even while our country was respecting the heartache of the people of Tucson and waiting to learn the full facts of the case, anti-gun activists were renewing their push for more gun control laws. In fact, a gun control activist told MSNBC, "In the wake of these kind of incidents, the trick is to move quickly."

Indeed, gun control advocates were quick to push several schemes.

The most widely publicized is the proposal by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-N.Y.) to re-impose the 1994 ban on new manufacture of ammunition magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition, and to criminalize the transfer of existing magazines between law-abiding gun owners. These magazines are standard equipment for self-defense handguns and other firearms owned by tens of millions of Americans. Law-abiding private citizens choose them for many reasons, including the same reason police officers do: to improve their odds in defensive situations.

Also, Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.) proposed to ban possession of firearms within 1,000 feet of the President, Vice President, Members of Congress or federal judges. Obviously, this proposal would be ignored by anyone who intends to harm a government official. But it would impose extraordinary burdens on honest gun owners, creating potentially hundreds of square miles of roving "gun free" areas throughout the United States.

The debate over gun control will continue in the coming weeks. Please rest assured that the NRA is committed to defend the rights of law-abiding gun owners. Fact sheets will be delivered to your office in the coming days to provide you with additional information. As always, please contact NRA Federal Affairs at (202) 651-2560 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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