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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about guns in schools. After seventeen people were shot to death at a High School in Florida in February you had the good sense to create a Commission on School Safety. The event was only one of a rising number of mass shootings and catalysed large demonstrations and growing student activism to finally begin to reduce gun violence eventually translating into more focus on gun issues in the midterm elections. Unfortunately you and Secretary DeVos and the other three Commissioners rapidly twisted the focus to maintaining racist disiplainary procedures within schools rather than anything related to safely. The report was released today and sadly uses highly speculative arguments to reiterate your own uninformed fondness for increasing guns in schools and ignoring high rates of suspension for minority students while blithely avoiding any mention of actual research.

Please assure me that you will stop access to guns.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our safe society.

Sincerely, Eric Babson