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Dear Senator Harris:

I am concerned about guns. Thirty years ago guns, AIDS and cars each killed Americans at similar rates. Cars are useful but good regulation has greatly reduced deaths without decreasing driving. AIDS is communicable but focused science, health care and political action have reduced deaths to the point of possible eradication. Guns are much the easiest of these to fix, yet gun deaths continue to rise. This typically comes to mind after mass shootings when support for limits and student protests spike but manufacturer lobbying has succeeded in part by pedaling anecdotes and hiding facts. Research from before the Dicky amendment found a gun in the house makes a family injury a dozen times more likely. I am pleased to see this aspect of republican science denial finally being scrapped. Even a small study would give helpful recent information.

Thank you for supporting the study of our shooting epidemic.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson