



## **Letter: Additional gun laws not the best solution**

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Denny Kubal's Jan. 31 letter "GOP absent on gun safety legislation" does not prove that more gun control laws would reduce gun deaths. When you study the states and major cities with the highest gun deaths, you will find they have the strictest gun control laws.

News flash: Criminals do not obey gun laws, nor any criminal laws. We currently have more than 20,000 gun laws on the books, none of which have ever been proven to prevent any crimes with firearms. Yet Kubal thinks passing one more gun control law would reduce criminals using firearms in committing a crime.

He refuses to accept state Rep. Jim Lucas' belief that "responsible gun use is not the problem" and the statistics presented. He apparently subscribes to using Rahm Emanuel's well-known tactic that "you never want a serious crisis to go to waste" to promote the progressive agenda. The gun deaths in Indianapolis are the result of gang members and young people who have no respect for others and obtain their weapons illegally. Where are the parents who fail to teach their kids respect for others? Or fail to know they have firearms acquired illegally?

According to "A Guide to Mass Shootings in America," of the 137 guns possessed by the killers, more than three-quarters were obtained legally, as none of them had a criminal background and passed the FBI check for purchasing a firearm. See the story at [motherjones.com/politics/2012/07/mass-shootings-map](http://motherjones.com/politics/2012/07/mass-shootings-map).

I recommend reading a Cato Institute white paper that states, "Tens of thousands of crimes" are prevented each year in the United States by legally armed citizens exercising their Second Amendment right to self-defense. See the story at [cato.org/pubs/wtpapers/WP-Tough-Targets.pdf](http://cato.org/pubs/wtpapers/WP-Tough-Targets.pdf).

Many police chiefs and sheriffs around the country are urging their residents to exercise their Second Amendment right to bear arms, to apply and follow the guidelines and laws to obtain a permit to carry a handgun. Times are changing from the past, and we now live in a more violent world. Many gun owners recognize this and are becoming armed to help defend this country against all enemies foreign and domestic who want to kill us.

Another study that debunks more gun control is "The False Promise of Gun Control" by Daniel D. Polsby, which is easily found on the Web. He states, "Guns don't increase national rates of crime and violence, but the continued proliferation of gun-control laws almost certainly do."

Politicians and those who believe that just another law will prevent crime or who want to change the Second Amendment will continue, as they fail to review history or research the facts relating to this issue.

Our country is awash with excessive regulations and laws, and yet some suggest more be passed.