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The Honorable Nathan Dahm
Oklahoma State Senator 33rd District
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Dear Senator Dahm,

My name is Vanessa Carranza, I am writing to you as a social work student regarding Senate Bill 818, Titled: Firearms; creating the Firearms Freedom Act; defining terms; making certain firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition exempt from Federal law or Federal regulation. I am alarmed about loosening gun restrictions in the State of Oklahoma.

Gun violence, has become an epidemic plague to our nation and it is destroying our communities. After the tragedies of Aurora and Sandy Hook, approximately 268 innocent victims are shot every day. I ask you to please take into consideration that our communities are filled with sorrow for the loss of their loved ones. Innocent victims, who were targets of mass shootings are faced with trauma due to the lack of gun regulations.

I write to you to demand stricter gun control measures that would prevent future gun violence, by addressing better solutions. Such as requiring criminal background checks, registration, and permits for every gun sold in Oklahoma. Allowing individuals, the right to possess or own a gun with the implementation of laws to protect public safety. With the purpose to keep guns away from irresponsible, not mentally fit, or malicious individuals. Creating requirements for locks and safe gun storage for the safety of our children. Additionally, ban high-capacity ammunition which should not have a place in civilian life. Our families residing in the State of Oklahoma should be able to feel free and not have to worry about encountering a shooting at work, school, public places, or even at home.

I am writing to you because we have the responsibility to act in the best interest of the people. I ask you to please take into consideration the lives of our children, community, and future generations. Guns don't make our families safe. It is your responsibility to speak and act to make meaningful changes to strengthen gun laws that would protect our families.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter and I hope to hear back from you soon. I believe it is an important issue that requires a significant approach.

Sincerely,

Vanessa M. Carranza