

## Children's rights

Does anyone see the path of insanity we have chosen to walk?

As a nation, including our highest level of elected leaders to individuals vowing to protect their rights as U.S. citizens, we choose to ultimately condone violence by prioritizing the right to own a gun. This is under the guise of protecting oneself and the right to bear arms.

Beyond those whose lives have been directly affected by the violence of guns, I have yet to hear any of our elected officials truly commit to recognizing the treasure we possess in our children — our future.

I have yet to hear anyone take a solid stand on making it a priority that our children are allowed to have *their* right to grow up free from fear of "I know it will someday happen in my school."

Providing staff and teachers with weapons simply entrenches us more into the insanity of condoning violence, for whatever reason.

What will it take for us to step off this path and begin to build a healthier approach to caring for our future?

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