**MODEL CONGRESS 2016 Period 8**

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Committee Name: Gun Control

**Part I:** **Topic Overview**

1. ***Explain your topic (3- 5 bulleted sentences)***
* What is the specific issue?
* What is your bill proposing to do?
* Who is involved with your specific issue?
* Why is this topic of national interest?
* For many years, gun control has been an issue of controversy. As our society expands into unclaimed land and general safety is increased, the 2nd Amendment is becoming obsolete, since wild animals are not an issue of safety anymore. In the present day, criminals are abusing the 2nd Amendment by causing public shootings and terror. The government is not yet sure whether to allow citizens to own guns. There have been many shootings that hurt and killed many people, with lots of lives taken every year from murders, but citizens still need guns to protect themselves, so this confused many people about the second amendment.
* Our bill aims to control the usage of firearms by banning the sale of assault weapons to the public. Assault weapons do more damage than handguns, therefore saving many lives. Assault weapons should only be available to the military. Handguns do not do as much damage as assault weapons, so they will be allowed with a background check. Stores that continue to sell assault weapons should be brought to the authorities. With assault weapons banned, there will be a lot less mass shootings.
* Gun owners, gun sellers, and the police will be greatly involved with the new law. The citizens would have to agree to the new law in order to willingly hand over the assault weapons and the stores would have to agree to lose some profit. The police would have to devise a method of collecting the assault weapons and giving them into the right hands. They will have to enforce the new law as well. The gun sellers have to agree to not sell any assault weapons, but only handguns to non-government officials.
* Over the recent years, there have been many mass shootings that sparked terror in the country, such as the Sandy Hook shooting. There have been many deadly shootings with guns, but not allowing citizens to own them to protect themselves goes against their second amendment. Banning assault weapons would prevent a load of shootings and will decrease the number of injuries and fatalities in existing ones.

***2. Why does this topic interest you? (3-5 bulleted sentences)***

* Do you have any background knowledge of your topic?  If so, explain.
* What particular event, news article or current event sparked your interest in this topic?
* A lot of my background knowledge has come from the media, however, my mother works at a rehab center, where patients receive rehabilitation. She saw many young people with gunshot wounds resulted in disability. Frequently, people get shot on the street for no reason.
* Even though it was a few years back, a shooting that sparked my interest in this topic today was the Sandy Hook shooting, where 20 children and 6 adults were shot in an elementary school using an assault weapon. I remembered this act of terror when I came across this topic. A mass shooting, done with assault weapons, that I heard of was in Aurora, Colorado, where 12 people were killed and 70 were injured, in a movie theater. Another shooting that I had heard about was in San Ysidro, California, where 22 people died and 19 were injured in an attack on a McDonald’s restaurant. These three cases are among the deadliest mass shootings using assault weapons. Information obtained from MotherJones, A Guide to Mass Shootings in America. (at http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2012/07/mass-shootings-map)
* Most of my background knowledge came from the internet and the news with deadly shootings with assault weapons. This came to my attention to see many innocent people that did nothing wrong be shot by a mental or unstable being. I felt upset that these kinds of people have access to strong guns like these, to be able to kill many human beings. This got me interested to look into this situation in more detail on the internet.
* The shooting that sparked my interest the most was the Sandy Hook shooting. 20 kids, ages so young as 6-7, were killed in this shooting, along with 6 adults. It breaks my heart that kids were killed so young and never got to live the life that they could have, because a mentally disabled man shot them with no reason. He also shot teachers who were protecting their students, which makes me sad, because they died, trying to save other people’s lives. The shooter, Adam Lanza, killed all these people with an assault weapons, which I believe is too powerful for citizens to be able to own. Shootings like these make me so sad to see young people get hurt because of this mental shooter. This is the main event that sparked my interest of this topic.
* I have a lot of background information on guns because I am close to many hunters and I even have a shooting licence so I know all about becoming a legal gunmen. I also know a lot about this topic because I hear about shootings and murders on the internet and the news.
* The shooting that sparked my interest was Sandy Hook shooting in December 14 2012 really sparked my interest. It is so hard to think of kids only 6-7 years old, dying in such a tragic way. Also how teachers put their lives in huge danger for their students. The shooter had 3 guns, 2 pistols and a assault rifle. He mainly used the rifle to murder the people and the pistols were a backup for when it ran out of bullets. This was the tragic story that sparked my interest to end mass murders.
* I am interested in this topic because it is intriguing to learn about.
* I have learned about many shootings because some people just had guns on them and thought it would be fun to fire and I wanted to learn more about why people would be allowed to just have a gun on them and be allowed to do anything.

***3. What do you think are the current controversies surrounding your topic? (3-5 bulleted sentences) Use research to answer***

* Is your topic currently in the news?
* Who/what groups of people are involved with your topic?
* What are some of the different opinions regarding your topic?
* Yes, my topic is currently in the news, although it is not specifically centered around assault weapons. The government is now trying to solve issues of who should be able to own guns because of all the shooting and harm going on. The citizens have a right to protect themselves, though, so citizens should be able to be in custody of guns. President Obama is currently attempting to pass an executive order about increasing background checks for the sales of guns. He wants to hire more people to process background checks, background checks to be increased in quality and he wants gun sellers to make background checks necessary to the customers, or else they will have punishment.
* The government and multiple organisations are involved with the issue of gun control. Currently, President Obama is trying to pass an executive order about gun control. In 2013, an attempted ban on assault weapons was sent to Congress (although it failed with a close vote). Multiple organizations are involved in fighting for gun control legislation, such as the Brady Campaign. (http://www.bradycampaign.org/)
* There are multiple opinions about gun control. A problem is that some people argue that background checks, that are currently used, are ineffective in reducing shootings. Another issue is that people say that banning assault weapons to the public violates the second amendment and that assault weapons are not the weapons used in most shootings (although assault weapons were used in the deadliest shootings). The supporters of gun control say that assault weapons are made for the military and that military-style weapons should not be available to the public.

Source: Issues and Controversies (http://icof.infobaselearning.com/articles/government-and-society/assault-weapons.aspx)

**Part II: Preliminary Research**

1. **What is the history/origin of your topic? *(At least two paragraphs) (3-5 sentences each)***
* Why has your topic become a national concern?
* Are there specific events that led to your topic coming to the forefront of national issues?
* Gun Control has become an issue of national concern over a series of multiple mass shootings in the past 3 decades. There have been multiple government attempts on controlling the gun issue, and every year there are many mass shootings. The government actions and shootings are always a popular topic in the media. Because of the media, more people are aware and are concerned with the issue of gun control.
* The unsuccessful Assault Weapons Ban of 2013 was provoked by the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. There were many other government bills and actions that targeted this issue, such as Bill Clinton’s assault weapon ban (which is no longer in action), and President Obama’s executive order on gun control. No other specific events occurred, however, the constant mass shootings that happen are enough to trigger a government response.

**2. What are the issues/problems regarding your topic? *(Include a minimum of  3 problems/issues, 5-7 sentences)***

* Problem #1: There is no dominant side to the issue of banning assault weapons. The vote can go either way. Even if the law passes, a large portion of the public will be upset. Most people will want the power to have an assault weapon, and will not hand his/her weapon willingly.

(Statistics https://www.isidewith.com/poll/3507538)

* Problem #2: The Constitution goes against this law. The 2nd Amendment guarantees that people can have firearms. The Constitution states that the people have the right to bear arms. This law violates it. The Supreme Court can rule the law unconstitutional and it will fail.
* Problem #3: It is impossible to complete a full background check because information in medical records is protected by law. It makes it difficult to recognize psychologically unstable people. Many mentally ill people can get away with owning guns that can potentially hurt themselves, and/or other people.
* This topic involves the entire gun owning and selling population of the United States, along with a great number of organisations that fight for, or against, gun control. Owners and sellers of guns must be agreeing to and over assault weapons, which will be very hard. The government and the police will need to take a part in enforcing the new law.
* I believe that the problem that the 2nd Amendment is against this law is the most important. This fact is the main argument of the opposition of gun control, and it can be used by the Supreme Court to declare this law unconstitutional. This bill will probably not even be passed as a law because of the violation of the 2nd amendment. The other two problems can be sufficiently addressed.
* These problems will be taking place everywhere in the United States, because a great part of the public will be greatly affected by the new law. The public can also protest this law if the problems are not addressed properly. This may cause lots of chaos in the country, with the citizens arguing against this law.

**Part III: Narrow your Focus**

* The problem with the 2nd Amendment rights is the most concerning and it should be focused on the greatest. This problem is likely to prevent this law from passing since the Supreme Court can easily strike down the bill.
1. ***Create a Preamble for your bill:***

**To ban the sale of all military-style assault weapons, by all retailers, merchants, and distributors, to all private individuals in the United States.**

(Note: Assault weapons are classified by a variety of terms. Assault weapons include semi-automatic firearms with a detachable magazine and other terms. Therefore, assault weapons are not just assault military rifles like the AR-15, but they are also semi-automatic handguns. Source: AboutNews at <http://civilliberty.about.com/od/guncontrol/a/Assault-Weapons.htm>. Quote: “The AWB defined a broad category of **semi-automatic rifles, handguns** and shotguns with military-style characteristics as being **“assault weapons.”**)

**Part IV: Supportive Evidence**

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| **Types of Evidence** | **Supportive Information-Facts** | **Significance-Relevance to your topic** | **Citation** *(use EasyBib)* |
| 1. Statistics | “There were 372 mass shootings in the US in 2015, killing 475 people and wounding 1,870, according to the Mass Shooting Tracker, which catalogues such incidents. A mass shooting is defined as a single shooting incident which kills or injures four or more people, including the assailant,” according to BBC News. | There are many mass shootings each year, which goes to prove the issue of gun violence and the need to ban assault weapon sales. | "Guns in the US: The Statistics behind the Violence." *BBC*. BBC, 5 Jan. 2016. Web. 1 Mar. 2016. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-34996604>. |
| 2.Constitutional Connection | In the Preamble of the United States Constitution, it states that the goal of the Constitution is to” insure domestic tranquility” and “promote the general welfare.” | Allowing assault weapons, which the public has no use for other than for crimes, is a violation of the basic principles of the country. |  |
| **Types of Evidence** | **Supportive Information-Facts** | **Significance-Relevance to your topic** | **Citation** *(use EasyBib)* |
| 3.Court Cases | After the incident of the Sandy Hook shooting, Connecticut and New Jersey strengthened their ban against assault weapons with the agreement of the court system. In Sandy Hook Elementary School, twenty seven people were shot and killed, including the killer himself, 20 children, and 6 staff members. | Our bill is to ban assault weapons, because they cause many mass shootings and citizens do not really need to own assault weapons. States are already responding to the issue of gun violence and mass shootings. It makes sense to support their work. | “Court Upholds Connecticut and New York Assault Weapons Bans.” *Issues & Controversies.* Infobase Learning, 29 Jan. 2016. Web. 25 Feb. 2016.<http://icof.infobaselearning.com/recordurl.aspx?ID=8177>. |
| 4.Statistic | According to Mother Jones, more than half of all mass shooters possessed assault weapons or weapons with high capacity magazines. | This shows that mass shooting injuries and fatalities were mostly caused by assault weapons, and that assault weapons are actively being used. | Follman, Mark. "More than Half of Mass Shooters Used Assault Weapons and High-Capacity Magazines." *Mother Jones*. RSS, 27 Feb. 2013. Web. 1 Mar. 2016.<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2013/02/assault-weapons-high-capacity-magazines-mass-shootings-feinstein>.  |
| **Types of Evidence** | **Supportive Information-Facts** | **Significance-Relevance to your topic** | **Citation** *(use EasyBib)* |
| 5.Statistic | According to the data from Mayors Against Illegal Guns, “Mass shooters who use an assault weapon or a high capacity magazine shoot more than twice as many people than those who use handguns, according to the MAIG data. The data also shows them to be 54 percent more lethal...When a shooter doesn't use an assault weapon or high capacity magazine, he or she shoots 7 and kills 5.4 people on average. When a shooter is using a high capacity magazine or an assault weapon, he or she shoots 15.6 and kills 8.3 people on average. |  This shows that assault weapons cause the most amount of damage on average. There is a reason to ban the sale of them. | Hickey, Walter. "In One Chart, Here's the Compelling Argument from Gun Control Groups on the Assault Weapons Ban." *Business Insider*. Business Insider, 4 Feb. 2013. Web. 27 Feb. 2016. <http://www.businessinsider.com/assault-weapons-ban-chart-2013-2>.  |
| 6.Statistic | According to the White House website, “Over the past decade in America, more than 100,000 people have been killed as a result of gun violence—and millions more have been the victim of assaults, robberies, and other crimes involving a gun. Many of these crimes were committed by people who never should have been able to purchase a gun in the first place.  | This shows us that gun violence is a real problem in today’s society and that necessary action from the government is necessary to limit it. | "New Executive Actions to Reduce Gun Violence and Make Our Communities Safer." *The White House*. N.p., 4 Jan. 2016. Web. 26 Feb. 2016. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/01/04/fact-sheet-new-executive-actions-reduce-gun-violence-and-make-our>.  |

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| 7.Legislation8. Statistics | President Obama’s executive order on gun control.According to the White House website, President Obama has responded to the increasing gun violence by passing an executive order that attempts to complete the following:* Keep guns out of the wrong hands through background checks**.**
* Make our communities safer from gun violence.
* Increase mental health treatment and reporting to the background check system.
* Shape the future of gun safety technology.

The study by the Violence Policy Center, found there were 258 justifiable homicides involving civilians using firearms in 2012, compared with 8,342 murders by gun. Even if a criminal isn't shot down, the study found that civilians rarely use guns to protect themselves. | The executive order shows that the issue is so large that it has the government’s attention, the the government is ready to respond. A bill like ours would have a high chance of passing because the issue is widespread and has large attention.This shows that citizens do not actually use guns often for self defence. Their claim that guns are important for defence is somewhat incorrect. | "New Executive Actions to Reduce Gun Violence and Make Our Communities Safer." *The White House*. N.p., 4 Jan. 2016. Web. 26 Feb. 2016. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/01/04/fact-sheet-new-executive-actions-reduce-gun-violence-and-make-our>. McLaughlin, Michael. "Using Guns in Self-Defense Is Rare, Study Finds."*Huffpost Crime*. TheHuffingtonPost.com, 17 June 2015. Web. 1 Mar. 2016. <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/06/17/guns-self-defense-study\_n\_7608350.html>.  |
| 9.Quote | Two quotes by Ronald Reagan, a former president of the United States.According to Ronald Reagan…“This is a matter of vital importance to the public safety ... While we recognize that assault-weapon legislation will not stop all assault-weapon crime, statistics prove that we can dry up the supply of these guns, making them less accessible to criminals.”“I do not believe in taking away the right of the citizen for sporting, for hunting and so forth, or for home defense. But I do believe that an AK-47, a machine gun, is not a sporting weapon or needed for defense of a home.” | These quotes say exactly what our bill is about. Ronald Reagan believed that certain weapons should not be accessible to the public because the public has no use for them other than crime. He also saw the value in gun control legislation. | "New York." *New York Magazine*. NY Magazine, n.d. Web. 1 Mar. 2016.<http://nymag.com/includes/3/daily/intel/2012/12/regan-obama-pelosi.html>.  |

**Part V: Opposing Evidence**

Types of evidence could include the following: (At least 6 Pieces of Evidence Required)

* **2 Statistics #’s (studies, polls/surveys, and research results)**
* **2 Constitutional Connections (5 Basic Principles, Amendments, Bill of Rights)**
* **1Court Case relating to topic (Who, What, Where, When, Why)**
* **1 Previous, existing, and/or pending Legislation (Laws)**
* **Additional supporting evidence: Current events (news article, journal article, magazine article, blog)**

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| 1.Constitution Connection | 2nd Amendment protects the right to own and carry guns, according to the Bill of Rights citizen have “the right to bear arms” | Our bill states that citizens will not be able to own a certain kind of weapon. However, this amendment directly contradicts the 2nd Amendment. | U.S. Constitution |
| 2.Constitution Connection | The 10th Amendment states that “the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”  | The 10th Amendment states that rights that are not specifically given to the federal government are reserved for the states. It is up to the states, not the federal government, to pass gun control legislation. Many states already have. The federal government has nothing to do in this issue. | U.S. Constitution |
| 3.Statistic | The National Shooting Sports Foundation estimated that the economic impact of firearm sales totaled $31 billion in 2011, up from $19 billion in 2008. The U.S. Gross Domestic Product in 2011 was $14.8 trillion. | Banning firearms would cause a devastating impact on the economy | http://www.military.com/daily-news/2013/01/18/gun-makers-assault-weapons-ban-will-kill-jobs.html |
| **Types of Evidence** | **Supportive Information-Fact** | **Significance-Relevant to your topic** | **Citation** *(use EasyBib--add source as you go)* |
| 4.Statistic |  The vast majority of crime is committed with handguns not firearms which deemed assault weapons. According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports in 2011 of the 8583 firearm homicides, 6220 were committed by handguns, and only 323 were committed by rifles. Most assault weapons are a subset of the rifle group. | Assault weapons are not widely used in crime. Banning assault weapons could be a waste of time and effort. | Lee, Jack. "7 Reasons Why an Assault Weapons Ban Will Fail to Reduce Violent Crime." *Policy Mic*. Mic Network, 15 Jan. 2013. Web. 1 Mar. 2016. <http://mic.com/articles/23290/7-reasons-why-an-assault-weapons-ban-will-fail-to-reduce-violent-crime#.aN2UcIUva>.  |
| 6.**Quote**7.Statistic8.Legislation9. Statistic | “Placing a heavier burden on responsible gun owners will do little to prevent troubled individuals from carrying out violent acts. The Second Amendment is very clear and so is my commitment to protecting the Constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms,” [said Mike Johanns, a U.S. Senator from Nebraska.](http://www.johanns.senate.gov/public/?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=e9013374-1723-4664-b731-53b4ca746454&ContentType_id=bc82adff-27b4-4832-8fd6-aecbe3e7d8e3)According to the FBI, only 2.4 percent of the so-called assault rifles are used in murders.Bill Clinton’s Assault Weapons Ban was started in 1994 but was not renewed in 2004, so it is no longer in action.According to the National Governor’s Association, “Governors believe that federal action should be limited to those duties and powers delegated to the federal government under the Constitution. “ | Banning the sale of assault weapons to responsible gun owners will not prevent mentally unstable individuals from using firearms to commit crimes and can only displease law-abiding citizens.Banning assault weapons wouldn’t have much of an effect on the death counts of mass shootings if they are barely used.This shows that the previous attempt at the same issue ended in a failure. If Bill Clinton’s ban wasn’t renewed by Congress, than our law has low chances of passing since it attempts to do the same thing..This shows that governors believe that the federal government should stay out of state responsibilities. | Ridder, Karen. "Gun Ban: 13 Quotes from Opponents of Gun Control." *Newsmax*. Newsmax Media, 9 Nov. 2014. Web. 27 Feb. 2016. <http://www.newsmax.com/FastFeatures/gun-ban-control/2014/11/09/id/604705/>. Lewin, Marshall. "Resurrecting The Clinton Gun Ban." *America's 1st Freedom*. American Rifle Man, 18 Dec. 2015. Web. 27 Feb. 2016. <http://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2015/12/18/resurrecting-the-clinton-gun-ban/>.Lewin, Marshall. "Resurrecting The Clinton Gun Ban." *America's 1st Freedom*. American Rifle Man, 18 Dec. 2015. Web. 27 Feb. 2016. .http://www.nga.org/cms/home/federal-relations/nga-policy-positions/page-ec-policies/col2-content/main-content-list/principles-for-state-federal-rel.html |

**Part VI: Supportive Arguments**

What are the **three** main reasons/arguments that **SUPPORT** your topic AND choose the **TWO** best pieces of evidence to support those reasons/arguments?

1. **Main Argument For**: Too much gun violence.

Evidence 1: According to the White House website, “Over the past decade in America, more than 100,000 people have been killed as a result of gun violence—and millions more have been the victim of assaults, robberies, and other crimes involving a gun. Many of these crimes were committed by people who never should have been able to purchase a gun in the first place.

Evidence 2:  There were 372 mass shootings in the US in 2015, killing 475 people and wounding 1,870, according to the Mass Shooting Tracker, which catalogues such incidents. A mass shooting is defined as a single shooting incident which kills or injures four or more people, including the assailant.

2. **Main Argument For**: Assault weapons cause a lot of damage.

Evidence 1: According to the data from Mayors Against Illegal Guns, “Mass shooters who use an assault weapon or a high capacity magazine shoot more than twice as many people than those who use handguns, according to the MAIG data.

Evidence 2: According to Mother Jones, more than half of the mass shooters had assault weapons, weapons with high capacity magazines, or both. This proves that most of the injuries and kills resulting from the shooting were caused by assault weapons.

 “42 guns with high-capacity magazines, across 31 mass-shooting cases”

“20 assault weapons, across 14 mass-shooting cases”

“33 cases involving assault weapons or high-capacity magazines (or both)”

3. **Main Argument For**: There is no civilian use for assault weapons.

Evidence 1: “I do not believe in taking away the right of the citizen for sporting, for hunting and so forth, or for home defense. But I do believe that an AK-47, a machine gun, is not a sporting weapon or needed for defense of a home.” said Ronald Reagan.

Evidence 2: The study by the Violence Policy Center, found there were 258 justifiable homicides involving civilians using firearms in 2012, compared with 8,342 murders by gun. Even if a criminal isn't shot down, the study found that civilians rarely use guns to protect themselves.

**Part VII: Opposing**

What are the **three** main reasons/arguments **OPPOSING** your topic AND choose the **TWO** best pieces of evidence to support those reasons/arguments?

1. **Main Argument Against**: You have a constitutional right to own a weapon.

Evidence 1: The Second Amendment guarantees that every citizen has “the right to bear arms.”

Evidence 2: The 10th Amendment states that “the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

2. **Main Argument Against**: Banning assault weapons would not decrease the amount of death from crimes and shootings because they are barely used.

Evidence 1: According to the FBI, only 2.4 percent of the so-called assault rifles are used in murders.

Evidence 2: “Placing a heavier burden on responsible gun owners will do little to prevent troubled individuals from carrying out violent acts. The Second Amendment is very clear and so is my commitment to protecting the Constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms,” said Mike Johanns, a U.S. Senator from Nebraska.

3. **Main Argument Against:** It is not the federal right to regulate state laws and solve their issues.

Evidence 1: The 10th Amendment states that “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

Evidence 2: According to the National Governor’s Association, “Governors believe that federal action should be limited to those duties and powers delegated to the federal government under the Constitution.”

**Part VIII: Government Spending**

“To create a new program, the government normally gets the money either by cutting funds to an existing program OR by raising taxes.” The budget has two large spending categories, **mandatory** and **discretionary**. Mandatory spending is required by law on specific programs. After those programs are paid for, the president and Congress may use the remaining money for discretionary spending on programs they choose. Each year, roughly 30 percent of the federal budget is in discretionary spending.  (Note-taking format)

1. Indicate whether your Bill’s spending will be discretionary or mandatory?

Our bill’s spending is discretionary. Our bill requires for the training, education, communications, equipment, and labor of more police officers that have the purpose of checking gun sales to make sure that no assault weapons are being sold. Based on the fact that there are about 900,000 police officers, each being paid an average of $50,000 annually, if we were to increase the number of officers by 10%, an equivalent of 90,000, it would cost the government $2,700,000,000 per year. If we include the education, training, equipment, and so forth, the cost may reach up to 3 billion dollars annually. This amount is not too large if you compare it too the hundreds of billion of dollars being spent on defense and education already. The bill is feasible in terms of money.

B:  Indicate the Department/Agency Budget Source and any other information you may have found that will provide government spending information:

The department of Defence and the department of Homeland Security will need to allocate funds to accomplishment of our bill.

**Don’t forget your final Bibliography:** You must cite each section you complete.  Attach your formal bibliography to the end of your typed final research. You must have at least five different sources.

* Lewin, Marshall. "Resurrecting The Clinton Gun Ban." *America's 1st Freedom*. American Rifle Man, 18 Dec. 2015. Web. 27 Feb. 2016. <<http://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2015/12/18/resurrecting-the-clinton-gun-ban/>>.
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* “Court Upholds Connecticut and New York Assault Weapons Bans.” *Issues & Controversies.* Infobase Learning, 29 Jan. 2016. Web. 25 Feb. 2016.<<http://icof.infobaselearning.com/recordurl.aspx?ID=8177>>.
* “Gun Control Laws. ” *Issues & Controversies.* Infobase Learning, 13 Jan. 2016.Web. 29 Feb. 2016. <<http://icof.infobaselearning.com/recordurl.aspx?ID=2263>>.
* "Police Officer Salary." *PayScale*. PayScale, 12 Jan. 2016. Web. 2 Mar. 2016. <http://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Police\_Officer/Salary>.
* "Law Enforcement Facts." *National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund*. National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, n.d. Web. 2 Mar. 2016. <http://www.nleomf.org/facts/enforcement/>.