Good afternoon,

I am a woman in my 70's, am a member of a local women's gun club, and the holder of both a firearm license and a carry permit.

I could be, to each of you, your sister, your daughter, your mother, your grandmother, or your great-grandmother. I have been granted the right to defend myself by the United States Constitution and reaffirmed by the United States Supreme Court. Some members of this legislative body are attempting to severely restrict my ability to defend myself and my loved ones.

My response to you can be found in the United States Constitution, which all of you have sworn to support. "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Thank you.

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