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We all mourn the loss of life. The question is whether one responds with angry rhetoric that does not work or with common sense approaches that deal with the society that we live?

The sad reality is that we live in a violent world where one could be pushed onto subway tracks or shot for your cell phone. Random acts of violence like what we see today never happened several decades ago. We can argue about the causes, or we can deal with the stark reality.

1994 Assault Weapons Ban had near zero effect on criminal activity or firearm homicide. More people are murdered by knives than rifles of all kinds, including ARs. FBI statistics prove these statements. If harsh gun restrictions led to safer communities, then South Chicago would be the safest place in America. We must acknowledge reality!

During the last Texas Legislative Session, 8 of 13 bills dealing with guns on campus died in committee. The common idea was to have armed school officials that had been trained and licensed to carry on school grounds for whenever an emergency arose. Schools also need limited access points that are monitored. Admittedly, this may seem extreme to some, but the evil that exists in society can't be denied or ignored.

Vast majority of legal gun purchases occur after an FBI background check to identify people that could be a risk due to previous felonies or mental health. After many shootings, the common problem was that much of the information about "risk" was never entered into the database, ex. Stoneman Douglas HS shooter. As a result, these people were legally able to purchase a firearm. Society seems to prefer to "look the other way" regarding mental health issues, whether it's gun violence, homelessness or addiction.

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