

Dear Sir or Ma'am -

In reference to Bill 4-21:

It is inherently dangerous to signal to criminals that the entire county is, in effect, a giant gun-free zone... "a place where the public may assemble" is literally and figuratively anywhere.

Please be reminded that the Colorado theater shooter specifically chose the particular theater because of it being in a gun-free zone, that is to say, free of law-abiding citizens capable of defending themselves. In doing so, he knew he could maximize the most damage in the least amount of time without a worry that someone, anyone could fight back.

Now, what are the chances of that happening here? That's the wrong question to ask. It's not about the chances, it's about the stakes - my life, and that of my family, is too great to risk.

I am open to any question or comments.

Very sincerely,

- Ben Figueroa