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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

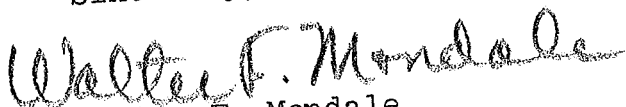
I have received your recent message expressing support for firearms control legislation, and want to thank you for your courtesy in writing.

While I am opposed to legislation which would infringe the right of responsible hunters and sportsmen to own and use firearms, I am concerned about the ease with which weapons of every description can be obtained by children and the mentally disturbed. I believe that it is both necessary and possible for us to formulate regulations which will reduce the margin of danger to the public without limiting the rights of responsible citizens, and I will support such legislation.

I do appreciate having your views on this issue and will consider your judgment very carefully.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


Walter F. Mondale