

April 23, 2013

Senator Burr,

On April 11th, to our dismay, you joined 15 other Republicans in a vote to proceed on the Reid gun legislation (S 649) inappropriately named the "Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act of 2013." As we know, procedural votes are policy votes and one should never bring bad bills to the floor by voting for a motion to proceed. So, in other words, why would you vote to proceed on a bad bill so you can then vote against it?

It only makes sense if you are trying to have it both ways. You stated:

"To be clear from the outset, I do not support S. 649, nor do I support the Manchin-Toomey background check amendment. The vote yesterday was not on the specifics of these bills or whether they should be filibustered; rather, the vote was solely about whether we should begin a debate in the Senate on the issue. Since the leadership of the Senate agreed to unlimited debate and amendments, I believed it was important that the Senate at least have an open discussion. However, it is important to remember that S. 649, amendments to it, and any other gun control measures that come before the Senate are still subject to the filibuster, as well as up-or-down votes."

Sir, as you know, the debate on the 2nd Amendment was settled over 200 years ago. There is no need for this Congress to have an "open discussion". Stating you do not support S 649 now is a little too late. We wouldn't even need to be writing this letter if you and 16 fellow Republicans hadn't advanced the Reid gun control legislation. In addition the undersigned are further dismayed you would have cast this vote in light of all the times we contacted your office and your staff has always assured us you would never support any infringement of our 2nd Amendment rights and in fact, had even signed onto a filibuster of the Reid legislation.

To be clear, lawmakers will not get a pass on any vote that allows a bad bill to proceed that will infringe on the constitutional rights of the American people. Your vote has made this a very real possibility.

Therefore, the undersigned are requesting a teleconference/Twitter town hall in the next few days at a date and time of your convenience. We would love to have ½ hour of your time to ask you questions about this issue. Please reply to either Mary Ann or Virginia directly with your date and time.

Respectfully,

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