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When I first heard about the shooting, I was volunteering at a community store in town. I could only hear part of what the store radio was saying. "Shooting, 17 people... your children come home, give them a hug." We had a radio. "I'm scared," I told my friend, "It's just a drill," she responded, and I said, "I know." We are the future, and right now the future is scary.

We need stronger gun laws to better protect our children, ourselves, and our lives. ~~It is so easy to get a problem because it does not directly affect us.~~ We cannot live in fear of gun violence, it is our right to feel safe in our own neighborhoods. Current laws make assault rifles and other military-style weapons easy for everyone to acquire. This is not about a hunting rifle, this is about our safety.

Vermont is one of the most caring and concerned states, we listen to the voices of the people. We cannot let fear of gun violence be the harsh voice that drags us apart. We will create stronger gun laws to protect our growing children in the absence of consistent national legislation. These children are our small but mighty future.

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