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Regarding the July 30 article “Lawmaker blocked gun research, then came to regret it”:

Kudos to the creators of this story. It was a unique graphic presentation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s attempt about 20 years ago to study and research gun violence. Once again, The Post highlighted the struggle, damage and human loss from gun violence in our country — a true health crisis.

All citizens should take a stand by voting for policies that address this public health crisis.

As former congressman Jay Dickey (R-Ark.) aptly stated in his 2015 apology for blocking federal funding for gun violence research, “Doing nothing is no longer an acceptable solution.” What is? Maybe it is time to realize that the Second Amendment to the Constitution was written to allow Americans to establish militias to defend themselves and not to allow individuals to own guns (the revisionist views of today’s Supreme Court notwithstanding). Now 44 states include a right to bear arms in their constitutions.

Let’s band together to end this public health crisis — for the sake of our children.

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