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To whom it may concern,

After watching the segment on your 3-20-94 show about the safety, or lack thereof, of firearms manufactured for sale in the United States I felt compelled to write. The position of the media in general and "60 minutes" in particular on gun control is obvious and I won't bother criticizing your support of it.

The segment was obviously designed to educate the uninformed about the grave risk to their safety that owning a firearm entails, especially a firearm that has not been approved as "safe" by the Federal government.

I have a newflash for your viewers, Guns are not safe! Firearms are the only consumer product that when it works the way it was designed to that can kill or seriously injure. Far from convincing me that firearms need to be certified "safe" by the Federal government before being sold to the general public your segment only reinforced my belief that the overwhelming majority of firearms accidents are caused by unsafe handling of those firearms.

Both of the individuals you interviewed to illustrate your point were in my opinion poor examples. First, the man who claimed that his Remington model 700 fired when he switched off the safety. I have to seriously question the intelligence of anyone who would sit in a vehicle with a loaded hi-powered rifle pointed at their feet.