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House of Representatives
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TO: President Barack Obama

FROM: Congressman John L. Mica

SUBJECT: *Stemming Gun Violence*

Most gun homicides are attributed to:

- 1) Mental health issues;
- 2) Illegal drugs;
- 3) Stolen weapons; and
- 4) Prior criminal records.

Please consider these initiatives:

- 1) Direct federal agencies to adopt policies that strengthen families and promote fatherhood;
- 2) Reform Health and Human Services' community mental health services as recommended by psychiatrists and mental health professionals;
- 3) Stop encouraging drug legalization;
- 4) Enforce federal narcotic trafficking laws;
- 5) Direct the Department of Justice to enforce illegal weapons trafficking laws;
- 6) Expand successful reward programs that pay informants about those with illegal weapons;
- 7) Conduct town hall meetings, not on CNN, but rather with young thugs in homicide prone cities like Chicago, Baltimore, Detroit, and New Orleans;
- 8) Produce a public service spot directed at young males to put down their guns and pick up a book or learn a trade;
- 9) Produce a video, directed at young men, explaining the responsibilities of fatherhood and the proper respect for human life; and
- 10) Promote respect for authority and law enforcement.

Thank you.