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## OPINION

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#### Guns are not only tool for violence

IN (APRIL 14)'s "Up Front" column "Daughter of gun victim vows to keep 'putting grief into action,'"

Joline Gutierrez Krueger writes that she and her fellow members of "Everytown for Gun Safety" don't want to infringe anyone's liberty:

"How do we keep strengthening gun laws without weakening Second Amendment rights?"

"... Everytown's members stress that they support keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous people while protecting the rights of responsible gun owners."

If the people backing "Everytown for Gun Safety" truly cared about firearms safety, then why aren't they helping fund firearms safety training, as does their "arch nemesis," the National Rifle Association?

Instead, all they do is lobby and agitate for more restrictive laws upon the pre-existing civil, constitutional, human individual right to own and carry

weapons, as guaranteed by the state and U.S. Constitutions.

As for the phrase "gun violence," why are not criminal stabbings or slashings with knives ever referred to as "knife violence"? Why are hit-and-run murders done with cars or trucks never called "automotive violence"? Why are attacks using baseball bats, pry bars, hammers and pieces of steel rebar never referred to as "blunt-object violence"?

So please, Ms. Krueger, Ms. (Robin) Brulé, spare us the crocodile platitudes about "respecting rights."

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