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Gun ownership has always been a part of who we are in America—a fundamental right for generations of people from all backgrounds and political affiliations. **It is also a**

fundamental responsibility.

When we exercise our Second Amendment rights, it is our duty to do so safely to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities.

AS RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS:

- 1 We know that guns are inherently dangerous and must always be treated with caution and respect.** We always treat a gun as if it is loaded, we always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, and we never place our finger on the trigger or within the trigger guard until we intend to fire.
- 2 We know that guns must be secured when they are not in use.** We always store our firearms in a locked safe that only authorized adults can access. We store our firearms unloaded, with ammunition locked separately and securely.
- 3 Gun ownership is a long term commitment.** It is not just about buying a product, but about learning to safely use it. We take responsibility for educating ourselves about the safe and responsible use of firearms and complying with all federal, state, and local laws.
- 4 We know that guns can be dangerous in the wrong hands.** We never give or sell a gun to someone unless we know that they can legally possess guns and will use them safely.
- 5 We know that tragedies happen when people in crisis have access to guns.** We pledge to seek help for ourselves and our loved ones in those moments of crisis and emotional distress and to safely secure and remove firearms to prevent harm.

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