Transcript of Obama's State of the Union Gun Remarks

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Editor's note: If you're like me, then you find it hard to stomach hearing this man's voice. To be honest, I find it hard to stomach hearing any politician's voice these days. They are all liars. The system is broken beyond repair. Anyways, I've found it a lot better to read transcripts than to have to hear their voices. So here is the end of Obama's speech. He saved his gun control for last, here it is:

Oh, and I added some notes/thoughts in bold with underline.

Of course, what I've said tonight matters little if we don't come together to protect our most precious resource, our children. It has been two months since Newtown. I know this is not the first time this country has debated how to reduce gun violence, but this time is different. Overwhelming majorities of Americans -- Americans who believe in the Second Amendment -- have come together around commonsense reform, like background checks ***[read national database on all guns]*** that will make it harder for criminals to get their hands on a gun. Senators...

(APPLAUSE)

Senators -- senators of both parties are working together on tough new laws to prevent anyone from buying guns for resale to criminals. Police chiefs are asking our help to get weapons of war ***[They are weapons of war, designed for the sole purpose of killing large numbers of innocent people when they are in the hands of citizens. But in the hands of men in uniforms with tin badges - who often get the full auto versions too - they are magically transformed into personal defense weapons necessary for saving lives]*** and massive ammunition magazines off our streets, because these police chiefs, they're tired of seeing their guys and gals being outgunned. Each of these proposals deserves a vote in Congress.

(APPLAUSE)

Now...

(APPLAUSE)

If you want to vote no, that's your choice. But these proposals deserve a vote, because in the two months since Newtown, more than a thousand birthdays, graduations, anniversaries have been stolen from our lives by a bullet from a gun. ***[Make no mistake, these murders weren't committed by criminals. They were committed by all of us who have allowed regular, lowly civilians to own guns. We are all to blame and must give up our rights]*** More than a thousand. One of those we lost was a young girl named Hadiya Pendleton. She was 15 years old. She loved Fig Newtons and lip gloss. She was a majorette.

She was so good to her friends, they all thought they were her best friend. Just three weeks ago, she was here, in Washington, with her classmates, performing for her country at my inauguration. And a week later, she was shot and killed in a Chicago ***[gun-free]*** park after school, just a mile away from my ***[well-protected by men with guns]*** house. Hadiya's parents, Nate and Cleo, are in this chamber tonight, along with more than two dozen Americans whose lives have been torn apart by gun violence. They deserve a vote. ***[for gun banning]***

(APPLAUSE)

They deserve a vote. ***[for gun control]***

(APPLAUSE)

They deserve a vote. ***[for a national gun database disguised as universal background checks]***

(APPLAUSE)

Gabby Giffords deserves a vote. [***for setting political precedent that the answer to crime is more gun control, more rights surrendered]***

(APPLAUSE)

The families of Newtown deserve a vote. ***[for the idea that all of societies problems are caused by too many freedoms]***

(APPLAUSE)

The families of Aurora deserve a vote. ***[for more power in the hands of the select few to be used against the many]***

(APPLAUSE)

The families of Oak Creek, and Tucson, and Blacksburg, and the countless other communities ripped open by gun violence, they deserve a simple vote. [***to continue the systematic dismantling of gun ownership and the right to keep and bear arms in America]***

(APPLAUSE)

They deserve -- they deserve a simple vote. Our actions will not prevent every senseless act of violence in this country. In fact, no laws, no initiatives, no administrative acts will perfectly solve all of the challenges I've outlined tonight. But we were never sent here to be perfect.

We were sent here to make what difference we can -- to secure this nation, expand opportunity, uphold our ideals through the hard, often frustrating, but absolutely necessary work of self-government. ***[self-government works best when you surrender your ability to fight those in power. Only when they've got you completely outgunned can they be expected to represent your interests]***

We were sent here to look out for our fellow Americans the same way they look out for one another, every single day, usually without fanfare, all across this country. We should follow their example. We should follow the example of a New York City nurse named Menchu Sanchez. When Hurricane Sandy plunged her hospital into darkness, she wasn't thinking about how her own home was faring. Her mind was on the 20 precious newborns in her care and the rescue plan she devised that kept them all safe.

We should follow the example of a North Miami woman named Desiline Victor. When Desiline arrived at her polling place, she was told the wait to vote might be six hours. And as time ticked by, her concern was not with her tired body or aching feet, but whether folks like her would get to have their say. And hour after hour, a throng of people stayed in line in support of her, because Desiline is 102 years old. And they erupted in cheers when she finally put on a sticker that read ``I Voted."

(APPLAUSE)

You know...

(APPLAUSE) There's Desiline.

(APPLAUSE)

We should follow the example of a police officer named Brian Murphy. When a gunman ***[nevermind that witnesses on camera said they saw 4 gunmen. The official narrative is always the lone wolf]*** opened fire on a Sikh temple in Wisconsin, Brian was the first to arrive, and he did not consider his own safety. He fought back until help arrived

and ordered his fellow officers to protect the safety of the fellow Americans worshiping inside, even as he lay bleeding from 12 bullet wounds. And when asked how he did that, Brian said, ``That's just the way we're made." That's just the way we're made.

We may do different jobs, and wear different uniforms, and hold different views than the person beside us. But as Americans, we all share the same proud title: We are citizens.

It's a word that doesn't just describe our nationality or legal status. It describes the way we're made. It describes what we believe. It captures the enduring idea that this country only works when we accept certain obligations to ***[the collective errrr I mean]*** one another and to future generations; that our rights are wrapped up in the rights of others ***[which is why we have to continually relinquish them and only allow "officials" and "authorities" to exercise them with less restraint than we would, and with far less accountability than would ever be afforded us]***. And as we start well into our third century as a nation, it remains the task of us all, as citizens of these United States, to be the authors of the next great chapter in our American story.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless these United States of America.

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