

Exhibit 30

To Defendants' Memorandum in Support of Motion for
Summary Judgment

More Than Half of Mass Shooters Used Assault Weapons and High-Capacity Magazines

Congress considers banning weapons that have caused carnage in shopping malls, schools, and city streets.

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The political fortunes of the [Assault Weapons Ban of 2013](#) [1] have looked [dim](#) [2] from the start. But as Congress considers the new legislation put forth by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), one thing is clear: If it were to pass, the bill would outlaw highly lethal firearms that dozens of mass shooters in the United States have used to unleash carnage.

More than half of the killers we studied in our [investigation of 62 mass shootings over the last three decades](#) [3] possessed weapons that would be banned by Feinstein's bill, including various semi-automatic rifles, guns with military features, and handguns using magazines with more than 10 rounds. The damage these weapons can cause has been on grim display since last summer, from Aurora to Milwaukee to Minneapolis to Newtown, where attacks carried out with them left [a total of 118 people injured and dead](#) [4].

Ultimately, "assault weapon" and "high-capacity magazine" are political terms—there is [no official or widely accepted definition](#) [5] for either, and different legislation [has treated them differently](#) [6]. Feinstein's new bill seeks to improve upon the 1994 ban she authored, which expired in 2004; [gun manufacturers easily sidestepped that law](#) [7] by making superficial modifications to their weapons.

The new legislation aims to outlaw weapons that let a shooter fire a large number of bullets quickly without having to reload. Law enforcement officials we consulted generally considered that to be a reasonable approach for distinguishing between firearms used for sport or self-defense and military-style weapons designed to maximize body counts.

Using the parameters of the new bill, we dove deeper into the data on mass shootings that we first began gathering in July after the slaughter at the movie theater in Aurora, Colorado. We dug up additional specific details on the perpetrators' guns and ammunition devices (often elusive, particularly with older cases). In

"They got the most shots," said a Chicago teenager who prefers high-capacity magazines. "You can shoot forever."

our initial analysis we had used broader criteria for "assault weapons," including some modified shotguns and bolt-action rifles; now, our more detailed chart and [data set](#) use four categories of firearms: semi-automatic handguns, rifles, revolvers, and shotguns. Across those four categories, we account for assault weapons and guns using high-capacity magazines that would be specifically outlawed by the new legislation. The data includes all guns recovered at the scene in each case, though not all of them were used in the crimes. Using this criteria we found:

- 42 guns with high-capacity magazines, across 31 mass-shooting cases
- 20 assault weapons, across 14 mass-shooting cases
- 33 cases involving assault weapons or high-capacity magazines (or both)

A total of 48 of these weapons (accounting for the overlap between the two categories) would be illegal under the new legislation.*

Feinstein's Assault Weapons Ban of 2013 isn't just about mass shootings, of course. By far the most common weapons used in these cases are semi-automatic handguns—the type of weapon also at the heart of the [daily gun violence plaguing American communities](#) [8]. Banning high-capacity magazines may be especially key with regard to these guns, not only because they're popular among mass shooters, but also because they tend to increase casualties in street violence, as [a veteran ATF agent explained](#) [6] to us in a recent interview.

The devices have appeal on the streets. [A Chicago high school student](#) [9] recently described his preference for 30-round magazines to a reporter for *This American Life*: "They got the most shots. You can shoot forever. Let out 15. Run back to where you going. Somebody else come out and let out five more. There you go."

Don't miss our [yearlong investigation into gun laws and mass shootings](#) [10]. And [click here for the full view](#) [11] of the below data set.

Mother Jones' Investigation: Assault Weapons and High-Capacity Magazines

Case & location	Date	Guns possessed	Guns with high-capacity magazines	Assault weapons per Feinstein bill
Sandy Hook Elementary	12/14/2012	10mm Glock, 9mm SIG	4	2
Accent Signage Systems	9/27/2012	9mm Glock semiautom	1	0
Sikh temple - Oak Creek,	8/5/2012	9mm Springfield Armor	1	0
Aurora movie theater - C	7/20/2012	Two .40-caliber Glock	2	1
Seattle cafe - WA	5/20/2012	Two .45-caliber semiau	unknown	0
Oikos University - Oakla	4/2/2012	.45-caliber semiautoma	0	0
Su Jung Health Sauna -	2/22/2012	.45-caliber semiautoma	unknown	0

Hair salon - Seal Beach, CA	10/17/2011	9mm Glock 19	unknown	2	2
IHOP - Carson City, NV	9/6/2011	AK-47 Norinco Arms va		2	2
Tucson shooting - AZ	1/8/2011	9mm Glock 19 semiaut		1	0
Hartford Distributors - M	8/3/2010	Two 9mm Ruger SR9 s		1	0
Coffee shop - Parkland, T	11/29/2009	9mm Glock 17 semiaut	unknown		0
Fort Hood massacre - TX	11/5/2009	FN Five-seveN semiau		1	0
Immigration center - Bin	4/3/2009	9mm Beretta, .45-calib		1	0
Nursing home - Carthage	3/29/2009	Winchester 1300 pump		0	0
Atlantis Plastics - Hende	6/25/2008	.45-caliber Hi-Point se	unknown		0
Northern Illinois Universi	2/14/2008	9mm Glock 19, Hi-Poir		3	0
City Council - Kirkwood,	2/7/2008	.40-caliber Smith & We	unknown		0
Westroads Mall - Omaha	12/5/2007	WASR-10 Century Arm		1	1
Homecoming party - Crai	10/7/2007	AR-15 SWAT semiauto	unknown		1
Virginia Tech - Blacksbur	4/16/2007	9mm Glock 19, .22-cal		2	0
Trolley Square - Salt Lak	2/12/2007	Mossberg Maverick 88		0	0
Amish school - Lancaste	10/2/2006	Springfield semiautoma	unknown		0
Capitol Hill afterparty - S	3/25/2006	.40-caliber Ruger, one	unknown		1
Goleta post office - CA	1/30/2006	9mm Smith & Wesson		1	0
Red Lake Senior High Sc	3/21/2005	.40-caliber Glock 23, .2	unknown		0
Living Church of God - E	3/12/2005	9mm Beretta semiautor	unknown		0
Damageplan show - Colu	12/8/2004	9mm Beretta 92FS sem	unknown		0
Lockheed Martin - Meridi	7/8/2003	.45-caliber Ruger P90	unknown		0
Navistar - Melrose Park,	2/5/2001	SKS 1954R, .30-calibe	unknown		0
Edgewater Technology -	12/26/2000	.32-caliber Retolaza se		1	1
Radisson Bay Harbor Inn	12/30/1999	9mm Lorcin semiautom	unknown		0
Xerox office - Honolulu	11/2/1999	9mm Glock 17 semiaut		1	0
Wedgwood Baptist - Fort	9/15/1999	.380-caliber, 9mm Rug		1	0
Day trader spree - Atlant	7/29/1999	.45-caliber Colt 1911-A	unknown		0
Columbine High School -	4/20/1999	9mm Intratec DC-9 ser		1	2
Thurston High School - S	5/21/1998	9mm Glock, .22-caliber		2	0
Westside Middle School	3/24/1998	FIE 380, .380-caliber S		1	0
Connecticut Lottery - Ne	3/6/1998	9mm semiautomatic ha		1	0
Caltrans maintenance ya	12/18/1997	7.62mm AK-47 Chines		1	1
R.E. Phelon - Aiken, SC	9/15/1997	9mm semiautomatic ha	unknown		0
Municipal trailer - Fort L	2/9/1996	9mm Glock semiautom	unknown		0
Walter Rossler - Corpus	4/3/1995	9mm Ruger semiautom	unknown		0
Fairchild Air Force Base	6/20/1994	MAK-90 semiautomatic		1	1
Chuck E. Cheese's - Auro	12/14/1993	.25-caliber semiautoma	unknown		0
Long Island Rail Road - C	12/7/1993	9mm Ruger P89 semia		1	0
Luigi's - Fayetteville, NC	8/6/1993	.22-caliber rifle; two 12	unknown		0
101 California Street - Sa	7/1/1993	Two Intratec DC-9, .45		3	2
County office - Watkins C	10/15/1992	9mm Llama semiautom	unknown		0
Lindhurst High School -	5/1/1992	.22-caliber sawed-off ri	unknown		0
Royal Oak post office - M	11/14/1991	.22-caliber Ruger sawe	unknown		0
University of Iowa - Iowa	11/1/1991	.38-caliber Taurus revc		0	0
Luby's - Killeen, TX	10/16/1991	9mm Glock 17, 9mm R		2	0
GMAC - Jacksonville, FL	6/18/1990	.30-caliber Universal M		1	0
Standard Gravure - Louis	9/14/1989	Two Intratec MAC-11, s		1	3
Stockton schoolyard - St	1/17/1989	9mm Taurus semiautor		1	1
ESL - Sunnyvale, CA	2/16/1988	.380 ACP Browning, 9m	unknown		0
Shopping centers spree	4/23/1987	Sturm, Ruger Mini-14 s		1	0
Edmond post office - OK	8/20/1986	.22-caliber, two .45-cal	unknown		0
McDonald's - San Ysidro	7/18/1984	9mm Browning P35 Hi-		1	1
Dallas nightclub - TX	6/29/1984	9mm Smith & Wesson		1	0
Welding shop - Miami	8/20/1982	Mossberg 500 Persuad		0	0

Assault weapons and high-cap mags [Weapon categories](#)

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Correction: Due to a labeling mistake, the chart at the top originally showed a total of 62 weapons rather than 48.

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