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This is Ron Pierre for Community Comment.

My wife and I haven't spent much time in Humboldt County lately. Our latest travels have taken us to the Western Slopes of Colorado to visit my wife's 95 year old mother. This Easter Season was an opportunity to share some special family time, and to see some family and friends that have been so much of our lives for nearly 50 years. I have always been especially drawn to the rural area around Glenwood Springs, Basalt, and the Frying Pan River. My personal memories just flow about family and the ties to the Western Colorado Rockies. I have always been a hunter and fisherman. Over the years, the family has hunted, fished, and hiked back country and the high mountain meadows that poke-a-dot the area surrounding Grand Junction. When my nephews were alive we always shared many stories about elk hunts and fly fishing. On many occasions we would end up in a sporting goods store together, looking at the latest gear and talking about an up-coming hunting trip. On this trip, absent my nephews and father-in-law and feeling a little lonely, I felt that urge to walk the aisles of the local sporting goods outfitter like we used to

The group all nodded heads in unanimous agreement. A man with a camo hat on said, "Perhaps they'll adopt Mayor Cuomo's line about everyone upholding the law through the "honor" system. Again we all laughed. One more comment came from the group about a shop in Utah selling hunting supplies including large capacity magazines. The spokesman said the shop also had ammunition, and reloading supplies. The store clerk commented again. I hate to see you folks do business someplace else, but I understand. The Colorado weapons law "just isn't right!"

How enlightening it was, to discuss weapon's use and family traditions as a political issue with like-minded strangers. Weapons laws are not going to fix anything. It's like driving 75 in a 65 mph zone and being passed by everything on the highway. Most of people will blow off the unenforceable laws.

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