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Hi Friend,

I've been trying to write this for a few days now. Trying to sort through the sadness and anger and fear. But there really are no words. There is no way to understand the pain of the families who lost loved ones and no way to capture the grieving of an entire state. There is no way to explain the panic that rises in my chest when I look at my toddlers, at my wife, and think I may never hold them again.

When a friend texted me with the news, I stopped in my tracks on the Capitol steps. I grew up in Boulder. I went to Fairview High School and I shopped at the Table Mesa King Soopers nearly every day. The truth is that very few of us can claim any real distance from gun violence any more. This is not the legacy I want for Colorado nor the world I want for my kids.

We are going to push forward. This will not be our story. I am committed to using my position in the legislature to keep pushing for meaningful gun safety measures because even one life cut short is too many.

To the families of Denny Stong, Neven Stanistic, Rikki Olds, Tralona Bartkowiak, Suzanne Fountain, Teri Leiker, Kevin Mahoney, Lynn Murray, Jody Waters, and Officer Eric Talley; we will not forget.

If you're able, please consider donating to the families of the victims through the [Colorado Healing Fund](#) or the [Boulder County Crisis Fund](#).

All the best,

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