

September 23, 2019

Ann Sarnoff - CEO  
Warner Bros.

Dear Ann Sarnoff,

We are the family members and friends of the 12 people killed at the Century 16 movie theater in Aurora, Colorado at a screening of The Dark Knight Rises on July 20, 2012. This tragic event, perpetrated by a socially isolated individual who felt "wronged" by society has changed the course of our lives.

As a result, we have committed ourselves to ensuring that no other family ever has to go through the absolute hell we have experienced and the pain we continue to live with. Trust us, it does not go away.

When we learned that Warner Bros. was releasing a movie called "Joker" that presents the character as a protagonist with a sympathetic origin story, it gave us pause.

We want to be clear that we support your right to free speech and free expression. But as anyone who has ever seen a comic book movie can tell you: **with great power comes great responsibility**. That's why we're calling on you to use your massive platform and influence to join us in our fight to build safer communities with fewer guns.

Over the last several weeks, large American employers from Walmart to CVS have announced that they are going to lean into gun safety. We are calling on you to be a part of the growing chorus of corporate leaders who understand that they have a social responsibility to keep us all safe.

Specifically, we're asking you to do the following:

- **End political contributions to candidates who take money from the NRA** and vote against gun reform. These lawmakers are literally putting your customers and employees in danger.
- **Use your political clout and leverage in Congress to actively lobby for gun reform.** Keeping everyone safe should be a top corporate priority for Warner Brothers.
- **Help fund survivor funds and gun violence intervention programs** to help survivors of gun violence and to reduce every-day gun violence in the communities you serve.

Since the federal government has failed to pass reforms that raise the standard for gun ownership in America, large companies like Warner Brothers have a responsibility to act. We certainly hope that you do.

Sincerely,

Sandy Phillips  
Lonnie Phillips  
Tiina Coon  
Theresa Hoover  
Heather Dearman