

## David Trahan

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**From:** Steven John Young <sy2984@columbia.edu>  
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**To:** David Trahan  
**Subject:** Bill and Aaron Young

Hello Mr. Trahan, I am a long time SAM member and the uncle of Bill and Aaron Young who were both brutally murdered by the coward Robert Card. I want to thank both you and your colleagues for continuing to fight for our 2nd amendment rights. Bill was a US Air Force veteran and a staunch supporter of our right to bear arms. Bill did conceal carry, but unfortunately on the day he was killed he was following the request of the bowling alley and left his firearm at home. Would have the outcome been different had he been armed? Who knows, but when the right to conceal carry is taken away I believe we will see more cowardly attacks like this one. My brother Bob ( Bill's father) was asked if Bill would have given up his 2nd amendment rights if he knew this would have prevented this massacre. Bob's answer was " I don't know". That statement alone tells me how important the right was to Bill. As a veteran myself, I can't imagine those rights ever being taken away by politicians that never served. In my time in the USCG I was armed with a M16 to protect the general public. Bill owned an AR style rifle and enjoyed shooting it. I own several AR style rifles and continue to shoot them. The guns in no way bring any bad thoughts to me. The guns did not perform the cowardly act. The monster Robert Card did. Of course the system failed in many ways and he should have been institutionalized and received the help he needed. Instead he slid through the system. Until we deal with mental health issues in our country this will continue to happen.

I would like to do something with your organization to honor Aaron. He was an avid fisherman who spent many days on Maranacook lake with his father and grandfather. I was thinking of purchasing a lifetime fishing license annually for a child who has lost a parent or is from a single parent home. Please let me know if that is something we can discuss.

Thank you again for standing up for our 2nd amendment rights. It is not the popular thing to do right now and I know you have taken a beating. I listen to you regularly on WVOM and appreciate all you have done. Keep up the fight, it's now or never!

Best regards, Steve Young

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