

I am a Westport, CT resident, member of March for Change and CAGV, and the mother of a five year old girl and three year old boy.

I support legislative changes in favor of gun safety that extend well beyond those currently being considered by the CT legislature, including:

- a ban on military-style assault weapons;
- a ban on high capacity ammunition magazines;
- universal background checks;
- universal and annual registration renewal;
- a limit handgun purchase to one a month.

In addition to being a mom I'm a lawyer and have had the privilege of extensively studying constitutional law at Harvard Law School and working as a clerk for a generally conservative judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. In my view, CAGV's proposals respect the rights afforded by the Second Amendment, but endeavor to create reasonable restrictions on gun ownership to make our schools and communities safer.

Thank you for your careful assessment of this issue and your service to CT.

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