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Dear Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

My name is Danelle Woermann and I have been a resident in New Fairfield, CT for 22 years

I am submitting this as my testimony today before your committee to add my voice to those who are actively seeking Connecticut to pass stronger, smart gun violence prevention legislation. And to pass it immediately.

I strongly advocate:

1. A ban on the sale of military style assault weapons which have the semi-automatic capabilities of accepting detachable magazines and other such military features, to take effect on October 1, 2013.

Such weapons currently owned must be registered by the same date as above

Exemptions would include law enforcement-related officials and military personnel when discharging their official duties.

2. A ban on possession of large capacity magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds, to take effect on October 1, 2013.
3. Expanding safe storage laws including strict liability to the owner if negligent in prohibiting access to firearms to any person other than themselves
4. Requiring universal background checks on all sales of guns, regardless of type, including transfers through private sales.
5. Require registration of all guns with a reasonable renewal rate of 2-3 years, including the updating of backgrounds checks, verification of that the gun is still in the possession of the registered owner or documentation as to its disposal.
6. Require a permit to purchase and carry all guns, including long guns, and to purchase ammunition.

Respectfully submitted,

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