

Hello,

My name is Marilyn Shirley. I live in Tolland, CT, and I am writing to express my deeply held opinion that this state should enact strong gun control legislation, including a ban on assault weapons and the multi clip ammunition used to commit such atrocities as Newtown endured. Also included should be universal background checks and registration of all guns.

I do not believe that this is a Second Amendment issue, as so long put forth by the NRA in an attempt to fan the flames of fear and government distrust in gun owners. I do believe that Connecticut owes it to the victims of Newtown and their families to lead the nation toward a less violent future by limiting the availability of weapons of mass destruction.

Sometimes legislators need to take the lead in doing what is right and moral, rather than letting the loudest voices prevail, and this is one of those times. Do what Gabby Giffords asks: Be bold, be courageous. America has got to move away from this National disgrace. Let CT be among the leaders.