

Honorable members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

I am writing to ask you to OPPOSE any new form of new gun control.

I am a professional, college educated, working and VOTING father of two kindergarten aged girls who attend school about twenty minutes from Newtown. Firearm ownership is one of the most important rights that I believe in.

Gun control targets the incorrect group. Licensed firearm owners are amongst the most law-abiding subset of our population. Firearm owners willfully pay hundreds of dollars for permits & licenses. Firearm owners willfully subject themselves to fingerprinting & FBI background checks. Firearm owners already abide to over twenty thousand existing gun control laws. All this is endured to exercise a constitutionally protected right, today.

By targeting the incorrect people, gun control does not reduce crime. Criminals and the mentally insane do not follow laws, and we know most violent crime is perpetuated by this small minority of society. Please, do not punish, scapegoat or criminalize millions of Americans for the actions of a few criminals. Again, no gun control legislation has ever been proven to definitively reduce crime. No gun control legislation would have prevented the Sandy Hook Massacre.

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Pursuing gun control wastes our money and your political capital that should otherwise be focused on addressing our broken mental health care system, enforcing crime control in our cities, and ensuring repeat offenders stay behind bars. We need to maintain focus on the person(s) who commit these evil acts, not on the implements. This is how we reduce crime and mitigate the risk of another massacre.

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Thank you for your time,
Vincent Bodner
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