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To: Connecticut Public Safety and Security Committee

My name is Carl Sargent and I live in Canterbury. I am a father to two children and I am a gun owner. The proposed restrictions on my Second Amendment rights are of great concern to me. I do not see how new laws are going to stop another incident. Having two children, I can't even begin to imagine the pain the parents of the students of Sandy Hook Elementary felt and are going to have to live with for the rest of their lives. That being said, there were many laws already in place that were broken in the committing of this horrific crime, I can't believe that adding more are going to stop a criminal. I can only see the fact that my family and friends will be subjected to greater risk of being assaulted by criminals with little or no means of defending against an attack. I am also very concerned about the fact that the official investigation into the Sandy Hook shooting is still ongoing and there is such a big push to fast-track new gun restrictions. Shouldn't we have all the facts before new laws are passed? Please make every effort to be as educated as possible in this subject matter. My family's lives and my own depend on it.

Sincerely,  
Carl Sargent