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Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Curt Johnson and I live in Lyme. There are now 105 new gun bills proposed in the Connecticut Legislature and not one would stop a mentally deranged person from murdering their mother, stealing her gun and then committing murder against children.

I am a father and have a child in school. Who is going to protect my child if a violent armed attacker hits my child's school? Security at most schools is a joke. Why can't we have an armed person or persons at our schools to respond to an armed threat? All I see in these bills are limits on the Constitution and liberty. How are the children protected? I find it very strange that we are told this is a crisis and that we must use Emergency Certification to stop this crisis but the future victims of a similar crime are not protected by any of the 105 bills. Should I tell my child, if his school is attacked not to worry because it's a gun free zone and there is a magazine limit, assault weapon ban, tax and fees on ammunition, gun registry, background check, insurance, and if you are shot and killed the state will have gotten all its taxes and fees? I want someone stationed at the school to shoot back at the attacker.

Our children need and deserve to be protected. If a drunk driver in a red SUV with air conditioning, power steering and leather interior hits a school bus and killed children should we use Emergency Certification to ban red SUV's and place strict limits on the number of options and put more taxes on cars with air conditioning, power steering and leather interior? Yet this is what we are told is needed to solve the Newtown Massacre.

Is there any common sense left to look at the problem and try to protect children from a future attack? Even rich people who hate guns have armed security. Why can't our children be afforded the same type of protection? Let the adults at the schools have a chance to defend our children.