

It has been exactly three months since the terrible tragedy in Newtown. I am hoping that the members of the Public Safety Committee, and indeed all members of Connecticut state government, will act soon to take steps to help stop the violence and the horrific and needless deaths of our citizens.

I believe that reserving automatic weapons for use by military and police personnel is the most common- sense approach we can take. Large capacity ammunition magazines should certainly not be available to civilians. We need to institute and enforce laws that would require gun owners, buyers, and sellers to follow a strict code of conduct including background checks with every transfer, safe storage, annual licensing and insuring of weapons.

Of course, there are other issues involved in preventing murder, but the first step is to find a way to control the current rapid spread of lethal weaponry.

I feel certain that responsible gun owners, those who hunt, or enjoy target shooting, or feel the need to protect their families with firearms would welcome this legislation. And I hope that all of you who have the power to make positive change will be eager to approve it. We look to you to do the right thing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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