

Dear Governor Malloy and State Legislators, It is time to listen to your constituents and pass gun reform legislation that has the public's interest at heart. The recent study conducted by Boston Children's Hospital and referenced recently in the New York Times clearly indicates that states with stricter gun laws have lower rates of gun violence associated deaths, including lower suicide rates.

The 12 years prior to Australia's gun ban had 13 mass shootings; there have been none since it has been enacted.

The people of Newtown have suffered greatly. And we continue to suffer as we watch our legislators muddle and discuss and refuse to affect meaningful change.

This is not a Republican or Democratic issue, nor a political right or left issue; this is a public safety issue and it is time for our legislators to act in a manner that has the safety of the public be their main concern.

The recent Quinnipiac Poll indicates that the majority of the public wants gun reform legislation that would include a ban on assault-style weapons, a limit of 10 rounds on high capacity magazines, and universal background checks. Isn't it about time our elected leaders truly represent their constituents. If you are too afraid of the political ramifications of doing what is right then why don't you put these proposed changes out for a state-wide referendum and let the people do what they know is in the best interest of public safety.

Thank you,

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