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### **Public Safety & Security Committee Public Testimony Thursday, March 14, 2013**

Dear Senator Joan Hartley, Representative Stephen Dargan, Senator Anthony Guglielmo Representative Janice Giegler, and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to present my testimony today.

I positively believe that there is nothing we can do stop a mentally deranged individual from committing a crime like that of Newtown. I have family members in Newton and understand their sorrows but new gun legislation is not the answer.

I am a neighbor of Dr. Petit and was at the scene the morning those three lovely people were murdered. One of my nephews was murdered at 23 years old. Both of the murders were committed without a rifle or pistol. The point that I am making is that if there is someone that wants to kill someone they will find a way.

I believe that banning large capacity rifles or pistols will not prevent mass murders. The supporters of all these changes in the weapons law have said "if they save one life all these changes are worth it." I contend that many of these changes in our weapon laws will cause murders. Imagine if you were in bed and you heard someone breaking into your home. I know that most people would shake like a leaf if an invader entered their bedroom in the dark; hopefully you would have a so-called assault rifle at your disposal with a large capacity magazine. You may need a few rounds to zip across the room because an untrained person could fire 10 shots into the ceiling and 10 into the floor and still hopefully get ten shots across the room to take down the perpetrator.

About two months ago a woman in Georgia was burglarized; she hid in the closet with her twin 6 year olds. The perpetrator opened the closet, she fired her pistol and hit him five times- but she did not take him down and her pistol was then empty. I ask you; what would have happened if there were two burglars? Please keep this in mind as you vote on this gun legislation.

Sincerely,

  
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