

Dear Sir or Madam,

I hope you can accept my testimony for today's hearings on Gun Violence proposals. The hearing is at 10AM.

I would like to testify in support of enacting the strongest possible regulations, including a ban on military-style assault weapons, a ban on high capacity ammunition magazines, universal background checks, universal and annual registration renewal, and a limit of handgun purchases to one a month.

I first became involved in violence prevention activism when my daughter was a freshman at Wesleyan University in the spring of 2009. A student, who was a junior at the time, was working at the Cafe in the University's book store, where she was shot and killed by a young man, who had been stalking her and who, at his trial several years later, was found to be not guilty by reason of insanity.

Working with the University, students, faculty and other parents we created Wesleyan Parents Working Against Violence.

Since the tragedy at Newtown, I have worked to create a group in and around Salisbury, Ct. called the Northwest Corner Committee for Gun Violence Prevention, with over 50 members. We appreciate your support for stronger regulations.

Sincerely,
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