

Hello,

My name is Vanessa Bronder Alward from Redding, CT. I live 2 miles from the Newtown border and have friends and acquaintances who were directly effected by the horrible massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School. But besides the unbelievable horror from that day, which shook this country to the core, we have an average of 30 deaths by guns every day. There have

been **2659** deaths from gun violence since December 14th. There are mothers and fathers around the country told the same horrific news that their child was killed. Brothers and sisters who no longer have a sibling. Grandparents and other family members who will never see those children grow up to be firemen, astronauts ballet dancers or teachers. Please remember all the children killed from Sandy Hook and from around the country when you make decisions on gun laws. Please put their rights to live their lives ahead of any right for any type of gun/rifle/ammunition. Remember that our laws can be changed. Our laws are here to protect and serve all the citizens. Remember that our rights can have restrictions for the safety of others.

I have read about lawful gun owners being upset that their rights may be taken away. But they don't seem to care about the lives that get taken away by those guns each day. I have heard testimony by so many lawful gun owners who are scared and angry. Incredibly angry. Why are they the ones scared? They have the guns. What are they so afraid of? To me it seems a mentally unstable point of view.

I've also read about lawful gun owners who'd never had any run ins with the law who've left their loaded weapon where a 3-8 year old can get it and get killed accidentally. Previously lawful gun owners who in a rage kill their spouse during a heated argument. Lawful gun owners whose mentally unstable son get access to their arsenal of legally obtained guns and brutally slay 20 innocent 6 year olds and 6 heroic teachers and staff.

The types of guns that are accessible to any citizen should not be allowed in a home. We need common sense gun laws to make sure our children get the chances they deserve.

Support the proposals by the Governor and make them law.

Thank you.

And do remember that I am the majority voice. These points of view are in line with more than 70% of our state's citizens. And we vote.

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[Our kids common sense gun laws to remain safe.](#)