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Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

There are defining moments in life. If you're my age, you remember where you were at the time of the tragic assassination of JFK. We all know what we were doing on that horrific day of 9/11. And closer to home, we remember 12-14-12 much the same way, a day of unspeakable horror. My son attends Newtown High School, and although not directly impacted, we felt the town's sorrow, wept with the victims' families, trudged up Riverside Road in endless procession to pause at twenty-six memorials, and grieved as the funeral hearses passed. I'm eternally grateful to have my son safe. I vowed not to let this incident define him. And Newtown struggles not to be defined as the place of the Sandy Hook massacre. Newtown chooses instead to be a place of strength, grace and love. Many vowed to make a change. And change is happening with the passage of common sense gun laws. This is why I strongly endorse the following proposed Bills:

Senate Bill 650, An Act Concerning Temporary Restraining Orders

House Bill 6848, An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence

House Bill 6962, An Act Concerning Firearm Safety

The proposed changes relating to Domestic Violence temporary restraining orders, protection of victims of Domestic Violence, and tightening the storage requirements for firearms included in these three bills are designed to serve the interest of Public Safety. Better Public Safety, keeping our children safe and preventing another Sandy Hook tragedy must be at the forefront of new legislation. I respectfully urge you to pass these bills to make change happen.

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