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Re: support for these bills: HB7218, HB7219, HB7223, SB60

I am a resident of Newtown, Connecticut, and have been since 1999. I worked in the Newtown School system for 7 years as an Educational Assistant. I have two daughters, and 2 granddaughters. The massacre at Sandy Hook School in December, 2012, broke my heart and has affected me each day since. To lose 26 innocent souls to a madman's access to guns in this beautiful town meant horror and the complete loss of faith in Americans to respect freedom from fear as a right of each citizen. How anyone can walk out their door without the thought that it might be the last time they leave their home is a miracle. I need sense to be made out of this horrific state of being we live in today.

I support strong legislation which will reduce gun violence in Newtown, in Connecticut, and in the entire nation.

The madness of mass shootings, kids having access to guns, and the ability to build an untraceable gun with a 3-D printer, has got to stop. No other free and stable country in the world has the number of gun deaths that the United States has.

Please, Connecticut legislators, let this State continue to be a leader in improved legislation to prevent gun violence and to protect our children, grandchildren, and all people, from the threat of gun violence in public places, which are supposed to be free and safe.

Sincerely,

Dianne Orlando
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