

**I support all of these bills.**

I'm a lifelong resident of Connecticut. I grew up in a home with a dad with a horrible temper when drinking. My older brother was a hunter and kept guns, not in locked storage. My dad sometimes went into rages at night after drinking, and there were times he would go upstairs, where as kids, our room also was, and he would holler he was going to kill all of us. He would go into my brother's room (while he was gone in the service) where the guns were. The sound of him handling the guns, thinking we would be murdered within minutes, I recall vividly. My younger sister would get on her knees and beg God to save us, as he would pound on the door to our room while we braced against it to hold it shut, and he'd even break a hole in the door. Luckily, he did not carry out his threats. But we lived being scared that at any time he had free access to those guns, even though he was not a permit holder, etc. The lasting impact of that is that now, with all of the gun violence, it has made me nervous to be in public places where people gather, many years later. A threat of being murdered by someone with a gun seems real to me.

We need to protect innocent lives and our police from gun violence as much as we can, whether in the home, on the street, in places like malls, churches, a traffic stop, etc. We need to know who has any type of firearm, and prevent them from being promulgated and made under the radar. We need police to be authorized to investigate people in public who show evidence of having a firearm. A comprehensive package of new gun laws will help.

Thank you for your considerations for this matter.