

To the members of the Bipartisan Task Force On Gun Violence Prevention And Children's Safety:

Of all the consistent factors in all of these widely publicized mass shootings, one is that they occur in “gun-free” zones. Additionally, in areas where guns are allowed, attempted mass-killings can and are stopped before they even begin, or before more lives are taken.

One of the many ways you could improve school safety would be to allow teachers and administrators who have their Connecticut Pistol Permit to carry a concealed weapon into school with them, if they desire. Opponents of this idea claim that there will be shootouts and bloodshed in schools over minor incidents and petty squabbles, but that is unrealistic. Right now, nothing is stopping a teacher from going to their car or house to get a weapon, and killing someone they are angry with; and yet, our teachers are not killing each other. If someone doesn't care about killing another person, they definitely would not be stopped by being in a gun-free zone. Nothing would change by allowing them to carry their pistols on their person.

Gun-free zones do not stop someone who doesn't have any apprehension about killing another person; they only disarm the average citizen with a Pistol Permit, who could have stopped a shooting before it happened, and advertise that anyone inside the building is defenseless. Getting rid of gun free zones is the best thing you can do for school safety, and to protect children.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
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