

Good morning . I am writing this letter to ask that this committee focus on the cause of this horrible incident , not the means by which an evil man carried them out .Tens of thousands of modern sporting rifles are owned legally by residents in this state without incident .

The state is home to many businesses that produce this type of rifle and its components . The state of Connecticut was even a majority shareholder for a period of time in order to save the company . Is it right to throw thousands of people out of work when Colt,Stag Arms,Ruger and C Products relocate to a more business friendly state due to the actions of one deranged man ? The actions of Adam Lanza prove that these types of laws don't work. How many Connecticut laws did he break in the course of that horrible day ? Anyone mentally ill enough to kill school children will not be stopped by another law . Can we improve our already strict laws ? Sure, an ID check when purchasing weapons seems a fine start . Combining a mental health data base with the State Police data base seems doable. I was present shortly after a little girl was killed in Middletown during the Main Street Sidewalk sale by a CVH patient with a hunting knife. He was on a day pass and murdered this little girl in front of her family . I saw the blood on the street and still think of it when I pass the location . One suggestion I have is to allow any teacher who has a Connecticut carry permit to choose to carry in a school. The state house and senate has armed guards protecting them,most of our schools have a "Gun Free Zone " sign for protection.

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