

Hello,

I am writing this email as my testimony in regards to the subject of School Safety in relation to firearms. I feel that this discussion needs to take place in a reasonable manner, as I was indirectly impacted by Sandy Hook. I have both a very close friend that still teaches there, and a close co-worker who lost his daughter in the shooting. I also feel that this needs to be a specific discussion in regards to schools as they have become a sensationalized target. Movie theaters and public gatherings pose their own set of unique problems in relation to security, and should be recognized as a separate issue and discussion.

I truly believe that reasonable and intelligent ideas need to be discussed, instead of extreme actions on both sides of the aisle. Banning ALL types guns and gun accessories is knee-jerk insanity. Demanding that ALL schools have armed guards is knee-jerk insanity.

My proposal is to follow the airlines security practices after 9/11, in that there should be a firearm in the school in a secure lock-box. There should only be 1-2 people on school premises that have access to this weapon, preferably the principal/vice-principal or some other person(s) high in the food chain. These people should also be put through proper firearm training, to be comfortable and knowledgeable with handling the firearm. This seems to me, to be one of the only reasonable solutions that can prevent further tragedies in our schools.

I truly hope my ideas can be expressed in public.

Regards,

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