

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a law-abiding citizen and responsible gun owner, residing in Milford, Connecticut.

I am saddened by the tragic events in Newtown, Connecticut, but I oppose new restrictions on lawful and responsible owners are misguided.

Violent crime with firearms has declined since the Federal "assault weapons ban" expired in 2004. Connecticut's AWB did not expire and Connecticut has some of the most restrictive laws concerning rifles in the nation. These laws did not stop the events in Newtown as criminals do not follow the law. People who intend to commit violent criminal acts are not deterred by laws. Horrific acts committed by the evil and/or insane are no reason to punish the innocent and law abiding members of our society. I have no problem with magazine restrictions however I feel as a gun owner I am being punished if you ban semi automatic rifles and make it almost impossible to purchase ammunition for my legally owned and operated guns!

Please oppose all legislation that restricts the liberty of law-abiding gun owners. Instead, work to enforce the gun laws already on the books!

Sincerely,

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