

Dear Committee on Gun Violence members:

Be careful how you approach this legislation. A prime example is the city of Chicago, home of some of the toughest gun laws and still the murder capital of the country. The last federal "ugly gun" ban did nothing to prevent Columbine and Timothy McVeigh and his friends killed scores without firing a shot. Adam Lanza could have done the same or worse damage with a simple 12ga pump shotgun and a couple pockets full of buck shot. There was no one there to stop him. trying to limit the size of magazines is ridiculous too, all it means is that the criminal would have to carry more mags. it takes no time at all to reload. even a fixed magazine can be reloaded fast with a stripper clip. true assault weapons are select fire or full auto, anything else is a semi auto version that just happens to look like a military rifle. And about that "military style" weapon, what about the Remington mod. 700 bolt action? all snipers train with and some use them in action. How about the Colt mod. 1911 .45 cal? used by military for over 60 yrs! Get serious and believe that the Adam Lanza's of the world will not care how "illegal" you make something.

He was illegal as soon as he left his house. do you think it would have stopped him if you make going into that school even more illegal?? Come on!

What happened a month ago was a tragedy but remember, after Oklahoma City one can still buy fertilizer and diesel fuel, and after how many thousands of murders, no one has banned steak knives or piano wires. Get it right, do something about the mentally ill their treatment and access to firearms. Sandy Hook schools now have police stationed permanently why not all other districts?

Sincerely,

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