

Please pass legislation that bans assault weapons and large capacity magazines and imposes commonsense regulation on guns. Now is the time. The Nation is watching Connecticut. The Legislative Task Force must recommend and the legislature must pass the strongest laws in the nation. Delay is not acceptable.

CT Against Gun Violence has proposed a comprehensive, commonsense agenda of anti-gun legislation: <http://www.cagv.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/CAGV-Legislative-Agenda.pdf> Legislation can be passed this month. Watch the CTN tape of the Newtown hearing at <http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/CTNplayer.asp?odID=8643> and listen to the parents of the children at Sandy Hook. At the hearing, they asked for a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines. They urged you to pass background checks and permits for the purchase of any gun or ammunition. They want guns registered and stored safely. You need to pass legislation that will put the nation on the path to ensuring there will be no more "Newtowns" and no more parents grieving over the loss of their children to gun violence.

It is time to protect our children, not special interests or gun manufacturers. We must lead the nation with smart gun laws!

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