

I'm from Wilton and I have two children, ages 7 & 3.

I am a single working Mom who has no spare time, yet I am here spending the day and night here, after spending 3 hours outside in line, close to frostbite.

This isn't just about Sandy Hook. This is about a culture that has snowballed in the wrong direction while we all weren't paying attention. This is about the many many victims of gun violence every single day, especially those who can no longer speak for themselves.

I come from a long line of responsible gun owners. Sadly, none of them are CT residents. Otherwise, they would be here to attest to the fact that they don't need a high capacity magazine in order to shoot a quail or a deer or to practice clay shooting. I'm not going to get into the specifics of the legislation I am here to support but I will tell you that I fully support CAGV and their excellent work to get common-sense solutions enacted to reduce the number of senseless tragedies.

I was personally touched by this terrible tragedy and I am still haunted daily.

My son's little camp friend for the last 3 years was a victim. He always reminded me of my son with his adorable round head of brown hair and his slender build. In fact, one day I accidentally grabbed him and hugged him from the back when I arrived to pick my son up from camp. To this day, every day I get my kids undressed for a bath, I hug their little bodies and kiss them and wonder how someone could put so many bullets into this and pray to God that they stay safe always. I will do what I can to make sure that happens until that happens.

We aren't just a bunch of Moms who feel the pain of the parents and loved ones of the 26 victims of SES. We are a grass roots uprising of people who will not rest until big changes are made. Let CT take this opportunity to set an example for the rest of the country.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone