

To Whom it May Concern:

December 14, 2012, changed our lives irreparably here in Newtown, Connecticut, as the massacre of people that always seemed to happen somewhere far away came home to us. We continue to mourn the 20 innocent children and six dedicated and brave educators who were ripped from us that day.

We can continue to drift along complacently until the next mass shooting blows away innocent people or we can take the first steps to action.

I am not a gun lover. Guns scare me and there's no place for them in my world. I am not foolish enough to think we can rid this country of them, but I do know that no average citizen needs huge clips with multiple rounds, which are strictly designed for killing people. Our Newtown Police Chief, Michael Kehoe, has said that our own police force was outgunned by the killer. There is no excuse for this.

It is time to remove these large magazine clips from the hands of the general public.

Thank you.

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