

Good Morning,

I am writing to you this morning in an effort to keep my promise. The Sandy Hook Promise. On December 14th, one seriously ill and disturbed individual shot his way into our elementary school and massacred 26 innocent children and educators. He terrorized hundreds of other children who were held hostage as they hid in their classrooms, wondering if they might be next as they were forced to listen to the horror of their friends and siblings being shot to death. All in 6 short minutes. All because he had access to a gun that was made with the specific intent to annihilate as many lives as possible in the shortest period of time. I am asking today for some common sense changes to our current legislation. I am asking for you to look into your heart and your soul and do what we all know is right. Please, please make sure that these semi automatic weapons are no longer an option for anyone to get their hands on, EVER. I respect the 2nd amendment. I don't necessarily agree with it, but I respect it and acknowledge that people have the right to have a gun. But they don't have the right to a semi automatic weapon. There needs to be compromise on the part of the NRA. I know they will go kicking and screaming and fight this with all they have. I know that they have a lot.... they have money. They have the ears of our politicians because they finance their campaigns. It's time for change. It's time for all of us to make whatever changes are necessary to see this through. We all have to make some sacrifices and stand up for what is right. I promise you that if you asked anyone who was fighting against these changes what their position would be if they had lost a child on 12/14, their answer would be radically different. They are lucky that it wasn't their child, but next time it could be. It's naive to think that someone won't try and do something like this again. Please make this change happen for the children and the families who have an empty place at their dinner table every night. It's time for change and change has to happen on many levels. Mental health care and funding for that care are equally important. I plan to keep my promise on seeing those changes through as well. Please do this for our kids, our families and our country.

Sincerely,

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