

Connecticut State Legislative Hearing: Gun Violence Prevention

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. My name is Bob Tower and I live at 72 Paper Chase in South Windsor, Ct. I have come here today to let you see how the blood shed by little children at Sandy Hook school has affected this 70 year old guy. When I close my eyes and picture those little bodies blown apart by a military style weapon I cry every time. Everyone should do this every so often to remind us not to become apathetic and complacent about this issue.

Unfortunately, I am sure many people have already put the incident behind them.

I have called all of my congressmen in Washington a number of times and written to Vice President Biden and President Obama at least twice. I have discussed this issue with practically everyone in my family and many coworkers. Unfortunately, what I have found, in addition to having too many of our state and federal elected officials being strongly influenced by the NRA, is that a significant number of voting citizens are apathetic or complacent. These two facts bring me much frustration since, to me, the elimination of assault weapons and weapons with ammunition magazines or clips is something everyone should agree with. These two facts also recently woke me up and made me realize that this battle is going to be much tougher than it should be. When I told my 33 year old son that I want to help outlaw assault weapons forever he said "Dad, don't get your hopes up too high". Unfortunately, he is convinced that nothing will change and it will be "status quo" as it has been since Columbine thirteen years ago and probably before that.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, just like everyone else I don't know how long my life will be but you can be assured, God forbid that it takes that long, I will be in this fight to the end!

Please don't complicate it. If you have a heart and warm blood in your veins you know the right thing to do.

Remember, this is not and should not be a political issue.....this is personal to me and most people. Please make it a personal issue of yours and let us work together to make the future much safer one for everyone. Thank you for your time.

