

Dear Task Force Committee,

It is with a heavy heart I write to you on the issue of gun control. I don't own a gun, and I am not interested in ever owning a gun. Frankly, guns scare me. I have two small children and I can't imagine ever having a gun in my home. In the wake of the tragedy that unfolded in Newtown CT--less than 15 miles from my own children's schools--I am more fearful of guns than ever before in my life.

I'm suggesting that now is the time to carefully examine the issues of gun control and put tighter controls on acquiring and owning guns and ammunition. Buying a gun at a gun show should not be as easy as buying candy at CVS. Ammunition should not be available online. Universal and mandatory wait periods should be strictly enforced and include enough background information on the applicant to give a reasonable sense that the applicant is a sane and responsible adult. High-capacity ammunition magazines should be banned. I am hardly an expert on this subject, but I believe that an open dialogue would present many other measures that would improve safety in gun ownership. I am writing to you in hopes that you will support and engage in this dialogue. I am writing to ask you to help protect our children.

President Obama urged, as we reflect on the lives lost in Newtown, that we must also consider how each of us can play a part in making our country worthy of the memory of those little children. It is with this call to action in mind that I write to you today. I believe that the right to bear arms carries with it responsibility. Let's make sure that gun owners in America are responsible and that laws that define these rights are also responsible. Let's use COMMON SENSE to create gun laws that will make us all safer.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions: 203-845-9093.

Sincerely,  
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