

I am writing to express my support for the banning of all automatic and semi-automatic weapons. I see absolutely no reason for any citizen to be in possession of these weapons. They are machines designed to kill quickly and easily. They do not belong in any home, nor should they be grandfathered.

As a mother of two school-age children and a resident of Connecticut, I implore you to do everything in your power to pass legislation that will protect us. I am devastated by the tragedy in Newtown, saddened by the shooting death of Cider Mill music teacher Svetlana Bell, and disturbed by the domestic shooting of a town couple. All tragedies that shattered our world during 2 weeks in December.

How much more senseless violence do we have to take? It is time for this country to have reasonable, common-sense gun safety legislation.

I find it no different than the laws we enact to make cars safe. We require registration, training, insurance, licenses. We have seat-belt, DUI, speed, emissions, even child booster seat laws. All this, and more, to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone. Why is it not the same for guns?

Please do everything you can to protect us from gun violence. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,
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