

Good Morning,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting regarding Gun Safety but I wanted my voice to be heard. I have been a resident of Sandy Hook, CT for 16 years and cannot imagine living anywhere else. I love this town, the people, the schools. It has been a beautiful place to raise our two daughters who are now 14 and 16 and attend Newtown High School.

I was at the bank on Church Hill Road, December 14th around 9:30 Am. As I witnessed police car after police car fly past the bank window I knew something was terribly wrong. I left the bank and proceeded to my office down Church Hill Road. I was behind an officer who pulled over but on his bullet proof vest and raced away. My heart dropped and it was then and there my thoughts went to could this be a High School shooting. How sad for me to think this but hearing of all the senseless shootings that are happening everywhere, schools, malls, press conferences, gyms, ... it was the first thing I thought of and I just lost my breath knowing my girls were at the HS. When I noticed that they continued straight down to Riverside and didn't take the right down Berkshire I was able to breathe again knowing that weren't going to the HS. I thought it was something else. Never imagined that the school shooting would be at our beautiful Sandy Hook Elementary school.

Please! This has to stop! Please do everything you can to pass safer gun control laws. There is absolutely no reason why the shooter should have had access to an assault rifle. The damage he did to those babies in such a short amount of time is a sin. I am all for citizens owning guns who have been cleared by a data base that they are mentally stable. The mental illness side of this tragedy needs to be addressed as well. But right now, the first step is making it illegal for people to get those guns.

Again, I beg you, this has to stop,
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