

Good day,

My demographic is husband, father, home owner, taxpayer, college graduate, 31 year employee of a large insurance company, volunteer in town government, retired and a voter with a 100% attendance record voting since 1972. I believe that makes me a normal citizen protected by the Constitution. My friends and acquaintances share these types of thoughts, values and credentials

We are licensed hunters and concealed carry permit holders and take our responsibilities seriously and believe that laws should exist and be enforced that keep criminals or the mentally infirm from having access to firearms.

I support universal background checks for the purchase of firearms that include criminal background and any means you have now or that we can develop to assure people with personality problems are restricted from obtaining weapons as well as receive the treatment they need.

Why guns shows can be exempt confuses me. That is wrong and the loop hole should be closed.

Large capacity magazines - I have a pistol that is only available with a twelve round magazine - no magazine and it, by design, won't fire. I do not believe that two shotguns blasts out the back door will have any impact on home invaders. DOJ statistics say that an average American town of 10,000 has 2 law enforcement officers for every 1000 people. In Burlington, we don't have 20 officers. Prisons are being emptied of dangerous criminals to meet budgets. The press doesn't carry it these days, but individuals with legally owned weapons protect themselves every single day. Why did the police switch from 6 shot revolvers to high capacity semi-automatic? They were being outgunned by the bad guys that missed out on the background checks.

Targeted taxation of weapons and ammunition and enforced requirements for additional liability insurance penalize honest, registered citizens that are exercising our rights under the Constitution. Lanza didn't buy the ammunition he used - he stole it but if he'd have had to buy it what difference would it have made? \$20.00 - \$50.00 - affordability would have been no more an issue than it would have been the the terrorists that bought tickets for the jets used in 9/11.

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