

Dear Members of the Gun Violence Task Force:

As a resident of Newtown, I respectfully request that you put your every effort into protecting the citizens of Connecticut from further gun violence.

It is tragedy not prevention that is forcing us to act. Sadly Connecticut has become become the paragon of the worst of gun violence. The only way to excoriate that scourge will be by becoming the nation's leader in countering that type of violence.

Guns are claiming an average of 85 lives per day in the United States. If a virus claiming that many lives we would be a nation hunkered down in emergency quarantine.

**I make CT Against Gun Violence's demands my demands** and request that you present, for passage, legislation that:

1. Strengthens our assault weapons ban with a focus on improving current list and strengthening functionality features; apply “one military feature” test to definition of assault weapons. Bans possession and sale with no grandfathering.
2. Bans large capacity ammunition magazines of more than 7 rounds. No grandfathering.
3. Requires universal background checks on ALL sales and transfers, including long guns.
4. Requires registration of handguns with annual renewal. Require annual fee and annual background check for all guns owned; stipulation that they are still in the possession of original purchaser or transferee; explanation for any gun still not being in their possession. Require safety inspection every three years. Charge fee on initial registration and renewal.
5. Make gun owners liable for negligent storage if any person gains access to firearms and injures himself or another person or causes damage to property. The violation would be a Class D felony.
6. Requires permit/license to purchase and carry all guns, including long guns, and to purchase ammunition.
7. Prohibits sales of guns or ammunition via internet to CT residents.
8. Restricts handgun sales to one gun/month.

**Furthermore I respectfully request that the following also be included in the gun control legislation:**

1. 50% tax on ammunition sales.
2. Graded permits based on level of training and proficiency

3. Liability insurance required for gun owners.
4. Microstamping of bullet casings
5. A truly comprehensive bill that will stop these massacres.

I thank you for the focusing your attention on gun control and for choosing Newtown as a meeting place for the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group. Do keep in mind that you will be meeting in an auditorium that was to have been the one in which the twenty beautiful children massacred last month would have been sitting in just nine years.

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