

Dear Task Force Members:

Thank you for your hard work.

“If you want to bring a fundamental change in people's belief and behavior...you need to create a community around them, where those new beliefs can be practiced and expressed and nurtured.”
Malcom Gladwell, The Tipping Point

To put it in its simplest terms, the tragedy that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14th 2012 -- a mere 15 minutes away from where I live and my 9 year old daughter goes to school --sadly was the tipping point for a positive social epidemic called common sense.

We need change, and we need it now. I hope that you too, have been infected. The common sense gun laws needed are:

1. Requiring background checks for all gun purchases, no exceptions, no loopholes.
2. Impose appropriate restrictions on assault weapons and on high capacity magazines.

Please do whatever you can to ensure sensible gun laws are put in to place immediately. As a parent, my responsibility to protect my child is paramount. Today, without sensible gun laws in place, I feel like I am committing gross negligence by sending her to school every day.

Respectfully,

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