

Thank you for the opportunity to submit online testimony.

Like many people you are hearing from today, I am not an expert in gun policy. But as a mom and a concerned citizen, I am hopeful that we can have a respectful debate regarding a serious public health issue and come up with commonsense solutions to make CT a safer place. I recognize that strengthening laws here in CT is only one small part of a bigger, comprehensive (and necessary) solution. I am acutely aware of the complex maze of federal and other state policies that need to be examined and fixed -- but that's not a good excuse for inaction here and now. We have the opportunity to take one step to protect our children, our families, our CT residents from unnecessary accidents and violence. If a change in gun policy protects just one life, I believe it's worth it.

I support the policy proposal put forward by Ct Against Gun Violence. I respectfully urge the committee to consider enacting it in full.

It shouldn't have taken the tragedy in Newtown for us to be having this conversation. But, let's take the unfortunate opportunity and swiftly pass safer gun laws in the names and memory of the innocent lives lost on that horrible day. Each day, more people die from gun violence -- we can't afford wait.

Thank you.

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