

To the Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention:

On January 21st, in *The New York Times*, I read an article that featured the parents of a 6 year old who was killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Her name was Ana, which is my daughter's name. The article ends with Ana's mother recalling a moment, before Ana died, when she (the mother) was a bit stressed. Ana said to her, "Don't let them suck your fun circuits dry, Mom." This is something that my Ana might have said.

That same day, Obama, in his inaugural speech urged Americans to "seize this moment together." He also said, "Our journey is not complete until all our children, from the streets of Detroit to the hills of Appalachia to the quiet lanes of Newtown, know that they are cared for, and cherished, and always safe from harm." And, the inauguration poet, Richard Blanco, read his lines, "... the impossible vocabulary of sorrow that won't explain the empty desks of twenty children marked absent today, and forever."

These words have inspired me and many others to know that it is time to change the gun laws. We need common sense gun control. Now.

Thank you for making thoughtful gun control decisions on our behalf.

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