

Dear Panel- Last night (1/30/13) I attended the Newtown High School conference. I was under the impression that the panel was seeking input from the community with the ultimate goal of making our children safer. I was dismayed to discover I was actually attending an Anti-Gun rally. While NRA supporters were kept outside; inside was a different story. The sign-in table was staffed by women wearing anti-gun t-shirts. Next to them was a table selling anti-gun t-shirts. On the walls were anti-gun posters. None of this should have been allowed inside as it was clearly meant to intimidate opposing views. After 2 hours of testimony I left because I did not hear one thing that would keep our kids safe or would have prevented "Sandy Hook". All I heard was "Ban the Bushmaster", "Ban Guns", "No one needs that", "No one needs 10 bullets", "The Second Amendment has to go". The United States has truly lost its way when citizens are demanding the government take their rights away! My wife is from Cambodia. In 1976 her father was executed (shot) because the government wanted his rice field. Her brother was executed because he had a college education. She took me to the killing fields where 2 million of her countrymen were executed by their government. How does a government kill 2 million of its own people? You disarm them first. Something like that is not going to happen here tomorrow but we open up the door to that possibility for a future generation. That is why we have a Second Amendment! Please don't be swayed by well-intentioned but mis-guided anti-gun advocates who are running blindly on raw emotion and offering no meaningful solutions. They are grossly underestimating the determination of those bent on doing evil. Thank you. Regards, David Sosbe Danbury, Ct.