

Good Morning.

My Name is Denise Chambers. I am a Mother, Grandmother and an avid sportsman. A resident of Bristol Connecticut. Connecticut, The Constitution State. Today I stand before you, because I have never felt so strongly about a subject in my life. I am here today to ask you to not change the current laws already in place regarding guns. But to ask you to enforce the current laws. Not to change laws regarding magazine capacity or taxing law abiding citizens more, because of a handful of sick people. If and when I should have to defend my family, I truly feel that how many rounds I may need is not something I want any one to control. I have studied the Constitution and the Federalist Papers and have a good understanding of why the Founding Fathers included the right to bear arms as a God given right that shall not be infringed upon. Not a right given to me because of the state. I strongly believe it is our right as the people to be able to bear arms. Yes what has happened to Newtown has for ever changed our State and our Country. The fact that Adam Lanza, the murderer could kill his own mother and steal her guns and go to Sandy Hook Elementary and take the lives of 20 children and 6 educators is just beyond belief. But I truly feel that taking the rights away from us law abiding citizens is not the answer, and will just make more victims of violent crimes. Do I want our schools safer, of course I do. Do I want better mental health care for those that are ill, yes I do. Instead, we are trying to cut the budget for mental health and attacking law abiding gun owners. Thinking that punishing those of us that practice our Second Amendment right in a safe and lawful manor will solve anything is just wrong. I also understand this is an emotional issue, but as law makers you are not supposed to act on emotion. The laws you pass are supposed to be Constitutional. Any thing you pass going against not only the Constitution of the United States, but the Constitution of Connecticut is against the sworn oath you took when you took office. Article one Section Fifteen of the Connecticut Constitution is even more clear than the U.S. Constitution "Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state." Nothing about how many rounds a magazine might hold or what arms I bear. After all, the guns you talk about banning are not assault weapons. They are just like every other hunting rifle with cosmetic features. They are not assault weapons contrary to what the media and some law makers want you to believe. In closing I'm so sorry for the loss of every life in this country because of violence. Thank you for letting me speak. May God bless you all.