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I am writing today as a resident of CT. to state that I am strongly opposed to any new restrictions on firearms and ammunition of any kind. Although the tragedy at Sandy Hook was unimaginable and my heart goes out to all who were affected by such an atrocity the proposed gun control is not the answer.

Having more restrictions on guns for already law abiding citizens makes as much sense as denying a safe driver access to cars because of the actions of drunk drivers. You crack down on drunk driving not access to cars. Firearms of all kinds including what are incorrectly termed as Assault Weapons are used for all types of safe recreational events including competition, hunting, target shooting, and self-defense. All of which utilize the guns and magazines your naming in your proposals. Taking away our rights to defend ourselves as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the US Constitution will only give criminals and mentally unstable individuals more opportunity's to commit such atrocities. Anyone with any common sense already knows that these people don't follow the laws no matter how strictly enforced. The only ones affected by such laws are the law abiding.

What we need is to do away with gun free zones. People die in gun free zones the predators committing these cowardly attacks always do so where there is no resistance. They seem to commit suicide as first responder approach. We allow pilots to carry guns when they meet the necessary qualifications; hundreds of people put themselves in their care daily. Why not allow teachers that are willing and can meet the same qualifications to carry gun, work with first responders to create a plan. We trust teachers daily with the safety of children but give no tools to work with. Instead we expect them to lock themselves in a room trying to hide a class full of students in a bathroom waiting their turn to die.

I'll end this by saying don't restrict or take away the right of law abiding citizens to recreationally use guns or protect themselves from the likes of the sandy hook shooter. Turning otherwise law abiding citizens in to criminals for owning guns, ammunition, and magazines that were legally bought in the first place would be a crime. No good can come from further restrictions on guns and ammunition especially proposed by those that have no knowledge of firearms.

Thank you;