

To Whom it May Concern

As a member of the Sandy Hook community - I want to express my opinion about gun regulation.

The second amendment does not only say "Right to bear arms" but instead says "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." This clearly meant something different at the time it was written and has been interpreted by the courts to mean that there are limitations to the weapons and individual can own. Just as there are limitations on the first amendment there can be limitations on the second.

I do not see any reason for an individual, not in the US Military, to own an assault rifle or clip with multiple rounds of ammunition. However responsible one may be as a gun owner they cannot be responsible for the actions of those around them - as well evidenced. There is no way for the government to provide enough safeguards - although tougher gun registration laws will certainly help. There is no question that Adam Lanza was mentally ill - but if he hadn't have had access to the weapon he used - this would not have been such a horrifying event.

I think we need to take a stand and ban the ownership of assault weapons and large clips (over 10 as the President has proposed) - I would go one step further and not grandfather weapons that are currently legally owned. It is far too easy to use a weapon at hand than to find another solution to a disagreement.

Please take action - it is time!

Thank You

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