

Hi,

I'm Dina Cheney and the mother of two boys. We live in Cos Cob, CT.

I adamantly support universal background checks and a ban on high-capacity magazines. How can we say that our country espouses family values when we allow people to so easily acquire guns – and guns that can kill so many people in mere seconds? Our constitution guarantees us "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," but how can we live, feel free, and be happy – when it's so easy for us and our children to be felled by gunfire? The excessive gun rights are outmoded, belonging to another time. The way our laws stand now, violent killers take precedence over the innocent. Why should the laws favor those who want to hurt others?

I can't understand why marijuana is illegal, yet assault weapons – that can kill so many – are permitted. This makes no sense to me.

Please, please support stringent gun control.

Thank you,

Dina Cheney