

To whom it may concern:

This is the first time I have ever written something like this.

I am the mother of a six-year-old kindergartner in Monroe, CT. I have never been a gun owner or gun advocate, but I have never opposed those who were. Until now.

This madness must stop. I do not want to live in an armed society. I am tired of the rhetoric, the finger-pointing, the anger, the extreme positions. I am asking only for sane, realistic, workable solutions. Solutions that don't make law-abiding, decent people who happen to own guns feel that they are being attacked or vilified. But solution that address the problem. I will let your working group determine what those solutions might be.

However, *the status quo is no longer acceptable*.

I cannot send my child to school every day wondering if I'll ever see him again. I can't live my life that way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, and with appreciation for all that you are doing.

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