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To Whom It May Concern,

I am strongly opposed to the gun control legislation that has been proposed due to the tragedy that recently occurred at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. I grieve for all who were affected, and wish for such an occurrence never to happen again, but I also realize that attacking the Constitutional rights of the law abiding is not the proper corrective measure to take. Every facet of what was done that day was already covered by existing Connecticut law. This state currently has some of the strictest laws in the nation with regard to gun ownership. Further restrictions or regulations will not deter criminals or deranged individuals who, by definition, have no respect for life. Their only effect will be to punish those good people in Connecticut who have never and will never commit any crime -- by making possession of Constitutionally protected items a criminal offense, as well as making citizens more vulnerable to perpetrators of crime by limiting their means of defense.

The real shortcomings in Connecticut are found in our state's mental health field and in the administering the correct and timely professional care to those in need. I ask that you please redirect your energies in addressing the real crux of the problem. Please do not pass laws that will only act to turn many thousands of good, law abiding parents, children, brothers and sisters of Connecticut into criminals through no action of their own.

Respectfully,

Eric

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