

Honorable Chairman and Committee Members

I believe the carnage at Newtown was only the most vivid recent symptom of our governments failure to protect the lives and liberty of it's citizens. Thousands of our countrymen, women and children die each year because firearms are too easily available to criminals and unstable individuals. Military style weapons with no reasonable purpose in hunting or home protection are freely sold and large ammunition magazines, again with no reasonable purpose, are readily available. Please develop legislation to prohibit such weapons and to make the transfer of guns to any individual subject to the most careful scrutiny. Illegal transfer of weapons must be severely punished in all cases.

The second amendment cannot be used as an excuse to continue the spread of fear and bloodshed through the country. This plague has existed on our city streets far too long and now spreads to our schools and areas of public assembly.

ENOUGH!

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