

All I can do is reiterate what I stated in letters to President Obama, Congressman Himes, and Senator Blumenthal:

Recently the town of Newtown, CT and elsewhere have experienced an epiphany and as a result we have become a different nation. Where we once sent our children off to school content that they were safe and happy, we now send them to school in fear and anxiety. Where once we went to the movies, the mall; the grocery store; a restaurant, relaxed and looking forward to a time of pleasure, we now go with a sense of apprehension.

I think we need to face the fact that it is no longer a question of "if" this will happen again, but "when" will this happen again, because it will happen again. Action needs to be taken for us to somewhat return to the peace and security of the past.

I believe the first step is *very strict gun control laws*. Addressing the important mental health issues is vital, I agree, but no matter how severely disturbed someone might be, they could never do the damage that was done in Newtown without the guns.

My first letter on gun control was written in 1968 after the assassination of RFK and others. Obviously, someone is afraid of the NRA as things only got worse after that.

Please use whatever influence you have to enforce *very strict gun control laws*.

Don't be afraid....don't back down.