

To whom it may concern:

I am the mother of three young children, currently residing in Connecticut. On December 14th, as I drove my children home from a half day of school, we were horrified to learn of the school shooting thanks to the radio station that was on during our drive home from school. This is by no means the first time I've been horrified by a school shooting. I wrote an editorial to the Indianapolis Star after the shooting in Littleton, Colorado. I expressed my shock about the Jonesboro, AK, shooting. How could the family the gun was taken from live with themselves? The guns they so carelessly kept were used to murder almost a half dozen people. The United States of America is about protecting its citizens. The number one right that we should be guaranteed is our safety. It should supercede any other right. The surest way to guarantee that right, is to institute an assault weapons ban. I don't care how much money the NRA has access to, unless they are guaranteeing the safety of every U.S. citizen from assault weapons, then they should not be allowed to fight for these to be legal. To be honest, if Connecticut, and every other state in the U.S. cannot enforce stricter gun registration laws, forfeit second hand gun sales, and outlaw assault weapons, then the NRA, its members and gun owners should be held liable for their weapons. If a weapon owned or purchased by someone is used in a robbery or gun shooting (whether accidental or not), the person to whom the gun is registered should be held responsible as an accomplice to a crime, accident, murder, etc. We should put the owner of the gun in jail for a minimum of five years. If NRA members are willing to agree to that lot, rather than more stringent gun laws and a ban on assault weapons, that is fine with me. But, if I want gun owners and the NRA held accountable for all future deaths by guns in this country if they are the reason we are not instituting stricter gun laws. Period.

Thanks, Ginger Stickel
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