

Dear Elected Leaders,

I am writing today to implore you to pass stricter gun safety legislation. Common sense would tell you that access to guns makes it easier to kill but the facts speak for themselves:

**Where there are more guns there are more gun deaths, period.**

You can look globally:

Gun Death Rates of our closest allies per 100k population with year reported in ( ) and guns per 100 people (all 2007) – All data from Wikipedia as of 1/28/2013.

	Gun Deaths per 100k, (year)	Guns per 100 people (all 2007)
US:	10.2 (2010)	88.8
Switzerland:	3.84 (2010)	45.7
France:	3.0 (2009)	31.2
Canada:	2.13 (2011)	30.8
Israel:	1.86 (2009)	7.3
Sweden:	1.47 (2010)	31.6
Italy:	1.28 (2009)	11.9
U.K.:	0.25 (2011)	6.2

The US is behind the world in gun safety measures but winning in total number of guns! We need to reverse both trends!

You can look in the US: The states with the least restrictive gun laws have the highest rates of gun deaths:

Louisiana 18.03, Wyoming 17.64, Alabama 17.63, Montana 17.03, Mississippi 16.5

And the states with the lowest rates have the best gun safety laws:

Mass 3.14, Hawaii 3.63, New Jersey 4.72, New York 4.90, Connecticut 4.92

Please show the US and the world that Connecticut gets it and cares about all of our citizens, not just the ones who endanger all of our lives with their reckless handling and promotion of killing machines like guns. Let's get CT to the bottom of the list on gun deaths and to the top on gun safety!

Thank you,

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