

I am unable to attend Monday's hearings in Hartford. I would like to submit my testimony below for your consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully, Heather Creagh

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To the Honorable Members of the Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety:

Guns are not the problem. Destroying the Constitution is the problem. The First Amendment has been emasculated. No longer can we say the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at a public meeting; nativity scenes have been banned from public buildings. Both of these regulations are unconstitutional. Prayer is not permitted in public schools, yet teacher Mary Rose Kristopik, a hero in the Sandy Hook tragedy, prayed with her fourth grade students while hiding with them in a closet; had she prayed with her students in the classroom the day before, she could have been fired. The Ten Commandments have been removed from schools and courthouses, yet this country's legal system is based on Christian ethics. The founding of the United States is not taught in public schools, because to teach the founding properly would necessitate explaining the Christian faith that is central to our very existence as a nation. Though legislators continue to destroy the very foundation of our republic, they have taken an oath to defend and preserve the Constitution. If this country continues down the slippery slope to socialism, there will be no self-government, there will be no individual freedoms, and there will be no republic.

Already we are enmeshed in a web of laws that are strangling us at every level. Last week a five-year-old girl was suspended as a "terrorist threat" from Mt. Carver Area Elementary School after she was overheard talking about her Hello Kitty bubble "gun" (water pistol). In addition to receiving a ten-day suspension, she was ordered by the school to have a psychiatric evaluation before she could return to school. How did we come to this? We are letting the federal and state governments control more of our lives through public institutions, such as the public school system and the now-nationalized health care system (which will centralize all our personal health information in computers in Washington, D.C., our very lives hanging by the whims of bureaucrats). Please resist the attempt of some to force changes on everyone based on the erroneous assumption that another Sandy Hook can be avoided by stricter gun laws.

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