

On Mon, Jan 28, 2013 at 8:13 AM, Heidi Diedrich <heidi@lemonsimple.com> wrote:

> To the Connecticut Legislature:

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> In this great nation of ours six and seven year olds shouldn't be shot
> multiple times at school. Teachers shouldn't die trying to save them.

> No one should be killed with firearms in the U.S. This is a public
> health issue of the first degree.

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> The time for better gun control legislation is overdue. We can't bring
> those 26 people back but we can ensure that their deaths will bring
> about critically needed change in our gun laws.

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> There are no excuses not to have better gun control. The NRA would say
> more guns are necessary but there are members today who have made
> clear it is time for common sense laws. We must not be intimidated by
> a minority lobby.

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> Just as we have restricted other health and safety issues -- alcohol,
> tobacco and the age at which one can drive so to must we restrict gun
> ownership. Our government must protect all citizens from the
> destructive capacity military style assault-type weapons and mega
> ammunition as well as multiple magazine clips.

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> Proper gun legislation must do the following as a minimum:

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> 1. Prohibiting ownership of functioning, military-type weapons such as
> assault weapons;

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> 2. Prohibiting ownership of multiple-round ammunition clips and
> bullets

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> 3. All hand gun and hunting guns must have improved background checks,
> mental health check, and database registry.

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> 4. No weapons that have been purchased or are improperly registered
> may be grandfathered. Current owners must re-register legal weapons
> for a small fee. Assault-type rifles must be bought back based on
> collection of aforementioned fees.

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> 5. Gun safety laws should make gun owners liable for negligent storage
> if any persons gains access to firearms and insures himself or another
> person or causes damage to property.

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> 6. Gun law should ban the right of way for transportation of firearms
> and ammunition purchased over the internet.

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> 7. Ammunition sales should be taxed and require a gun license to

> purchase ammunition.

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> 8. Restriction of handgun sales to one gun per month.

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> As a mother and resident of Connecticut I hope you will take a stand
> and make history. All eyes are on us to make a change. This is
> government for all people. Gun owners and non-owners alike. Please do
> not let the gun lobby MINORITY prevent what is right from happening
> any longer.