

Dear members of the gun violence prevention working group from the Bipartisan Task Force,

My name is Jacob Harper and I believe that gun laws should be put in place.

Due to the recent events that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary, gun laws have been a hot topic. I discovered that there are not many laws currently prohibiting gun usage and ammo capacity.

I believe that all assault weapons should be banned for use by the public. In addition, I feel that ammo capacity should be lowered to a maximum of 5 bullets per magazine. While this may seem

a little harsh, I feel that it will make our community a safer place, while also reducing access to guns. Furthermore, I feel that training should be required in order to handle or access a weapon

of any sort. I know for a fact that I would feel safer around a person who is trained in using a gun.

Another subject that I feel the need to address is safety in schools. At my old middle school, there was a single police officer who would patrol the hallways. Anyone could really just walk in or out of the school, claiming they were a student's parent, brother or sister. You don't need to be a genius to know that this is not a safe way of going about school security. A way I think school security can be improved is by requiring parents who are picking up their child to have an id of some sort, so that they could be recognized as being a parent of a child.

From,

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