

My name is Jane Ericson and I have been a resident of Connecticut for 58 years. I have raised children, worked, and voted here. I have never spoken up on political issues prior to this testimony. The horrific event at Sandy Hook Elementary School broke my heart and shook up my universe as I'm sure it did for everyone in Connecticut. I vowed that day I would no longer remain the silent citizen believing that politicians would and could do all the work to make our state a safe place for our most precious resource, "Our Children". In the days to follow my heart still aches but so too my head has been yanked from being buried in the sand. I have had to face the stark reality that for 40 adult years I have watched television on a daily basis report the deaths of innocent people, many of them children, due to guns and I've done nothing. For that I am truly regretful and so sorry to all those who have lost loved ones.

So I am asking you as legislators on this extremely important task force to search your souls and seriously consider the legislative agenda put forth by the CAGV. Unfortunately all eyes are on Connecticut now. We must take the lead to get assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines off our streets. We also must close gun show loopholes and make sure background checks are done. The time is now to preserve the rights of our children. That right is to be able to grow up and live in peaceful communities in cities, suburbs, and rural towns throughout our state. Thank you Jane Ericson of Bolton, Ct

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