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We as a state and a country will always be tormented by the events of Sandy Hook. What we must do is make intelligent decisions in the coming days. An obvious first step would be to reconsider how we deal with mental health issues, as this the hardest of all the issues facing us.

All of the horrific attacks have shared a common thread, a mentally ill perpetrator. Whether the perpetrator pushes a victim in front of a subway train, stabs his father to death because he hears voices in his head, travels across country to stab his father's girl friend and then kills his father with a bow and arrow, or uses firearms as at Sandy Hook, these acts can only be described as horrific attacks on our society. These mentally ill must be identified to people who can help them and protect the other members of society.

Gun control is certainly an issue but will get the majority of the attention. Emotions on either side of the debate will run high. As a long time gun owner, veteran, firearms instructor and former rifle coach, I would like to make a few suggestions ; limit magazine capacity to no more than ten cartridges, make sure all firearms loaded and unloaded are secured, and keep firearms out of the hands of the mentally ill.

Suggestions that additional taxes on ammunition will act as a deterrent to those who would do us evil are misguided. A ban on " assault" weapons would have to deal with the fact that these firearms will have been purchased legally and are already covered under the still current Connecticut assault weapons ban.

Sincerely,
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