

It's time to put children, like the 20 first-graders massacred at Sandy Hook Elementary on December 14, 2012, above special interests and partisanship.

Please vote for legislation to ban assault-style weapons and high-capacity magazines capable of accepting more than 10 rounds of ammunition. I appreciate that there are multiple bills being drafted - very common-sense legislation to address the epidemic of gun violence in America. I respectfully ask you to co-sponsor these bills and work to bundle all four pieces of the president's gun violence prevention package together to be heard and voted on as one bill. This legislation must be passed – not endlessly debated or diluted. This is not about taking away any 2nd amendment rights, but about helping to protect our citizens - our children.

Enough of our families have been destroyed by gun violence and we won't tolerate further inaction in Congress. I urge you to take a stand for families and law enforcement and enact sensible gun laws now.

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