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To whom it may concern;

Over one year ago, I moved to Sandy Hook, CT from Staten Island, NY, away from the crazy life to the more serene but little did I know how one devastating event would change me.

I have never been an advocate of guns, family members have always hunted as long as I can remember but there is not ONE good reason for any civilian person in this country to own an assault weapon or a magazine of more than ten bullets. I believe in 2nd Amendment rights, but the sole purpose of these guns are to kill people and lots of people in a matter of minutes. People are paranoid that the government will come and demand to take their guns....fools I say! Problem is you can rationalize to a fool.

We need the following for the federal government to step up to the plate and make this mandatory in all 50 states: Let's handle guns like we do driving!! Instead of DMV, its DGS (Department of Gun Safety)

1. Before any gun purchase, of any kind, a person will have to get a learner's permit (like a driver's license), 18 years old or older. Pass a written test and take a mandatory safety class, then a gun performance test (like when you get a driver's license) to show you know how to handle a gun. At that time a Federal background check for all or any gun purchases, with a mandatory 14 day wait period. Then you get your license in the mail, there will be a fee. Now you can shoot a gun.
2. Now to get that gun! You must have a license, no gun without it. At time of purchase, registration forms are complete and submitted to the papers to the state and registered in a federal system. Must be renewed every 2 years.
- 3 Ammunition. To purchase ammunition for any register gun in your name, you will be allowed to purchase, with limitations. If you try to purchase ammunition that is not registered, you will be denied until your gun is registered. (This will be a tough thing to do). Ammunition should be highly taxed for any gun. This tax can be used to pay for all the new systems to be put in place.
4. Insurance: You have it for a car, why not regulate it for guns. If a homeowner owns guns, their premiums go up, the more guns the higher the premium. To register a gun, you must show proof of insurance. If you don't have any guns registered in yours or any resident in the home...you get a discount.
5. There should be background checks on all adults residing at the registered address.
6. You get caught with a gun without a license...a fine, 2nd time a bigger fine, 3rd time..license revoked permanentl