

As both parents and gun owners, my wife and I are appalled at the tragic loss of Newtown's children, and also the violent deaths of so many young people living in our state's cities. We must unite across party lines to lessen the risks to today's youth, and tomorrow's leaders. We strongly believe that any citizen who wishes to purchase or transfer ownership of any type of weapon must undergo a background check. This is a step that could reduce the number of firearms accessible to felons or those with mental disabilities, while also being one that law-abiding people can support. Further, we believe that the public should not be able to purchase tactical weapons or gear such as kevlar vests and high-capacity magazines. Such armament should be reserved for the professionals charged with safeguarding our streets (e.g. police) or our shores (e.g. military).

Respectfully,

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