

Ladies and Gentleman:

I am writing to encourage you to spend your resources and time correcting the deficiencies in Connecticut's mental health laws rather than considering emotional knee jerk reactions to further gun control. Additional gun laws will have no effect of the overall safety of this states citizens; it will likely have just the opposite effect, putting them in more danger. Connecticut has some of the worst mental health laws in the country yet some of the most restrictive gun laws. Clearly the mental health aspect of the Newtown Shooting is the critical root of the tragedy; not the utilized implement. People with metal health issues need help and resources to better themselves. Families of dangerous individuals coupled with mental health issues need help protecting all of us from those persons; the task is hard enough even with government help which they do not have here in this state. Fund mental health resources, institutions and research. Please take the time to have meaningful discussions and not take advantage of these events to further the personal agenda of anti-gun persons and groups. Criminals do not abide by laws by definition; law abiding citizens do. Please don't make criminals of law abiding citizens buy passing frivolous laws that only serve to make it look like politicians are making us safer.

Thank you,
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