

As a mother, lawyer and resident of Sandy Hook, CT, I implore you to work through the rhetoric and vote to propose sensible, intelligent solutions. There is no justification for "assault" weapons or high capacity magazines or limited background checks -- are we really willing to sacrifice innocent children and people so that others have an unfettered right to shoot whatever weapon they choose? Are the victims of Sandy Hook, Columbine, Aurora and the thousands of other innocent Americans killed by guns in this country just collateral damage? So that others can what, protect themselves multiple times over? kill animals? What is the moral, social and political justification for this?

Please have the courage to do what is right. What is sensible. What is progressive. The path of allowing more and more guns into the social arena will not lead to a safer, more civilized society. We must decide what kind of a state we are, what kind of a nation we are and what kind of a world we want our children to grow up in. Ask yourselves that question. Do you want your children to grow up in a world with more or less guns? Do we have to look to Canada and Australia as examples of strong leadership and moral courage? Has America lost that place in the world? I hope not.

Respectfully submitted,

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