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Working Group Members:

As a law abiding citizen and parent in Connecticut, I am asking members of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group, to shape laws that will protect the public while also protecting **reasonable** gun ownership laws for **reasonable** people.

To wit, background checks should be required for all gun purchases with no exceptions. There is no sound reason not to conduct a background check. And secondly, the sale of assault weapons and high capacity magazines must be stopped. The United States' gun laws are an embarrassment. Assault weapons and high capacity magazines are not intended for protection—as the gun lobby will argue. They are military devices intended for combat.

In civilized and enlightened nations, combat does not take place in elementary schools, movie theaters or shopping malls.

Thanks you.

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