

Hi, My name is Karen Mitri, I am mother of three from Fairfield CT. I am a former teacher and currently enrolled in Graduate School at Fairfield University in the counseling department. Although I strongly believe that we need to implement new procedures for school safety (asking teachers to be trained in firearms is not one of them ) as well as develop a multifaceted system that better addresses the needs of individuals and families dealing with mental illness, I am writing today in regards to the more urgent and life-saving issues of gun safety.

I am asking you to support legislation that...

- Bans all high capacity ammunition magazines

- Strengthens the ban on assault weapons

- Enforces requirements of permits and universal background checks on ALL sales and transfers of guns

- Enforces an annual fee and annual background check on all handguns owned

- Hold gun owners liable for negligent storage of firearms

As well as other measures put forth by the Connecticut Against Gun Violence(CAGV)

I believe that the nation's eyes are on Connecticut and that it is our duty and responsibility to lead the charge with sensible and safer gun laws. Historically, it is often after times of great sadness and devastation that we can make the most progress. We owe it to the children and families of Newtown.

We can do this. We must do this. We will do this.