

Ladies and Gentlemen:

5,500 concerned and engaged people came to Hartford on Valentine's Day to demand change.

The Nation is watching Connecticut, and Connecticut is watching the Task Force. You must pass the best gun violence prevention laws in the Nation, which means at the very least:

- A ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines, including those currently in the state
- Registration of handguns with annual renewal
- Requirement of a permit to buy any gun or ammunition
- Improvement of safe storage standards
- Limitation of handgun purchases to one per month.

As Veronique Pozner said at the rally, "How could anyone think that my son's life or any of those whose lives were stolen that day were so disposable that it is acceptable to do nothing?"

We will not settle for small gestures: a bill that only deals with background checks and safe storage is NOT ENOUGH. The NRA leadership wants you to wait until "the Connecticut effect" wears off, and then return to the status quo. As the leaders of the General Assembly in Connecticut, and as the Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention -- which is meeting only 40 miles from Newtown -- it is not acceptable to ask us to wait. NOW IS THE TIME.

We urge the CT General Assembly to vote AS PROMISED to the people of Connecticut and we urge that you propose a vote on the full agenda above of safe and sane gun violence prevention legislation.

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