

To Whom it may Concern,

Please take the recent events in Newtown as a wake up call for responsible gun ownership. While we are not gun advocates, we certainly appreciate our constitution and the rights it gives to all of our citizens. What we are not in favor of is the right for ordinary citizens to own weapons that allow for maximum destruction with minimal effort. While there may be disagreement on what an assault weapon is, it must be agreed upon that weapons that allow a single shooter to kill multiple people with a single round is something that should be reserved for the military and law enforcement. Our country is a far different place than when our founding fathers wrote the second amendment. Rights are given but are not limitless. Public safety should be of paramount importance.

We clearly need a comprehensive review and overhaul of our vastly inadequate gun laws. Beyond automatic weapons, we need to write laws that will allow for background checks and waiting periods for individuals interested in purchasing a gun. The only person in need of an immediate gun and afraid of a background check is the person who should not have a gun.

We limit all citizens rights when we myopically support gun ownership without reasonable safeguards to protect our right to public safety.

Thank you for your time,

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