

Ladies & Gentlemen,

My name is Kenneth Prince Jr. I live in Norwalk CT with my my wife & two high school aged sons.

Everybody in CT, especially those of us with children in school, shudders at the thought of the terrible tragedy in Newtown. Its beyond comprehension, yet it hapenned. How & why it did aren't easy things to come to terms with. But blaming guns is the easy way out, an easy way that we often choose that never seems to work.

I am writing this evening to express my opinion that gun laws aren't the answer and to ask that you folks look past the emotion driven push for things we all know will not work. I would strongly urge you to look into repealing the gun free school law, or at least relaxing it to allow CT permit holders to carry in school. That way, without a need to train or fund anything, we can allow our citizens to protect our most valuable assets, our children, from unforeseeable things like this. People will say "Who NEEDS a 30 round magazine". But I ask, who really cares about how many kids or people a sick person can shoot before reloading, isn't ONE too many? What kind of people are we if we think it better to try to minimize these things instead of trying to STOP them?

As I said, I live in Norwalk CT, I am a father, I am also an avid shooter & hunter. I have a CT pistol permit, both to enjoy the shooting sports & to protect myself & my family. I am not to blame for these tragedies, I am just a CT citizen & taxpayer wondering why, with all the laws already in place, laws unenforced or under enforced, further restrictions are being considered, when empowering the people to defend themselves is the obvious first step.

Thank you,

Ken Prince Jr.