

My name is Kristy Mitchell and I am a 29 year old working mother from Enfield Connecticut. The events at Sandy Hook Elementary have hit home in my life as I cannot fathom the loss of my child. The activities of a mentally ill individual has destroyed the lives of many, and created fear in children and teachers around the country. However, there is something that scares me far greater than the act of a lone gunman. The idea that my ability to defend my family is being threatened, and may be infringed. I believe both sides of the gun- anti-gun debate have the best intentions. However, as I watch the news something became blatantly clear. Criminals do NOT follow the law. Just as I discipline my child criminals must understand there are penalties for breaking the law, and they will be enforced. In between what will be extremely emotional testimony, please listen to the facts. Please do not act in a manner that will make responsible gun owners felons. I am against any legislation that will ban-confiscate-tax-require registration- in any manner. Enforce the current laws, increase penalties, and punish those guilty of gun crimes. Help those with mental health issues, and protect our children the same way the President does, with armed security. If it is good enough for his kids why isn't it for mine? Thank you for your consideration.

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