

Dear Members of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group,
i am deeply concerned about the issue of gun violence in CT and wish to make known my strong advocacy for responsible, sane gun violence policies to thwart the wave of terror that we have most recently suffered in our State. I join with many other citizens in saying "NO MORE!", and would like to urge the task force to

1 Strengthen the assault weapons ban by requiring that all weapons having military features be banned and that existing weapons defined as assault weapons be destroyed, turned in to law enforcement or removed from the state.

2 Ban large capacity ammunition magazines of more than 7 rounds and that existing magazines of more than 7 rounds be destroyed, turned in to law enforcement, or removed from the state. New York State has just adopted law that established the 7-round limit.

3 Require permits and universal background checks on ALL sales and transfers of guns, including long guns.

4 Require registration of handguns with annual renewal. Require: annual fee and annual background check for all handguns owned; require that the owner stipulate that the guns are still in their possession or explain how the gun was transferred to another person; require safety inspection every three years.

5 Make gun owners liable for negligent storage if any person gains access to firearms and injures himself or another person or causes damage to property. The violation would be a Class D felony.

6 Ban the right of way for transportation of firearms and ammunition bought over the Internet.

7 Tax ammunition sales and require a license/permit to purchase any gun or ammunition.

8 Restrict handgun sales to one gun/month.

I am a volunteer and member of the Board of Trustees of an independent school in Newtown which was impacted by a lockdown on December 14, 2013 and has experienced the significant and grave responsibility of protecting the school community from gun violence. I also am a citizen of Redding and a mother of a 21-year-old son who deserves to feel safe and secure as he goes forth in the world, and hopefully in CT. I implore you to consider the responsibility of protecting the health and safety of citizens over the advocacy of individuals who feel their guns are more precious than their children.

Respectfully submitted,

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