

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am writing to ask for your support on necessary changes to gun laws in our state and country. The time for change is now! Children and teachers cannot be massacred in schools. You must recognize the devastation that has forever changed our town and our schools. As a school employee, my job and place of work has also been changed. A very powerful organization with a lot of money and a very weak argument about 2nd amendment rights should not bully the American people when the lives of children are at the core of this discussion!

So I urge you to think about those children and teachers and perhaps think of your loved ones because at the risk of sounding cliché if it can happen in a wonderful, safe, sleepy town like Newtown it can happen in any community.

I keep hearing "this is an emotional response". Well, yes it is an emotional response. What kind of people are we if we don't have an emotional response! This is not a video game. These are not just numbers of people who have died. These are people who were brutally gunned down at an elementary school, a college, a movie theater, a mall.

Please support the following:

a ban on high capacity ammunition magazines (no grandfathering); a strengthening of assault weapons ban (no grandfathering); requirement of permits and universal background checks on ALL sales and transfers of guns, including long guns; requirement of registration of handguns with annual renewal; requirement of annual fee and annual background check for all handguns owned; requirement 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; making 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; a ban on the right of way for transportation of firearms and ammunition bought over the Internet; taxing ammunition sales and requirement of a license/permit to purchase any gun or ammunition; restriction of handgun sales to one gun/month.

Thank you for your time.

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