

Hello,

My name is Lestina Trainor. I live in Redding and have three children who attend school in Ridgefield, at Ridgefield Academy.

Since the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary, all doors at Ridgefield Academy are locked all of the time. Kids are greeted each morning by police or guards. The students don't feel safer because of the locked doors and police at their school. They feel freaked out.

Newtown is our neighbor.

We are Newtown.

The majority of people agree:

We are disgusted that it is so easy for anyone to get their hands on deadly weapons--often without any background check, or even a record of sale.

We need to be safe to go about our most basic routines with our families: going to school, going to the mall, going to our places of worship. We are NOT safe.

This is madness. Why are we the only 'first world' country that can't figure out that more guns=more gun violence??

It's just common sense.

I actually think that we HAVE figured it out, but politicians love getting money from the NRA, so they neglect common sense. And look who paid with their lives this time: 20 first graders and 6 educators.

To those politicians who support gun rights: proud of yourselves?

No citizen NEEDS a military style assault weapon (unless they are up to no good). Thinking a gun is "fun" or "sexy" doesn't equal NEEDING it. People NEED to live.

No citizen should be able to buy a gun without a proper background check and a reasonable waiting period. If you want your gun in a hurry and you don't want anyone having a record of your purchase, then you are up to no good.

No citizen should be able to purchase high capacity ammo magazines with no questions asked. It's just common sense. And the fact that such ammo costs less than taking a date to the movies is also very troubling. 25 bucks for the type of clip that took out all 26 lives in Newtown? In minutes? Madness.

Please. Do the right thing.

Have the courage to protect your Connecticut citizens from people who love guns, or their perceived 'God-given' right to bear arms, more than they love human life.

Do they really think God cares about gun rights more than the lives of living, breathing people? Of six year olds?

All freedom requires RULES! You can't just have mayhem and everyone being allowed to do whatever they want because it's "their right!" That's what results in the almost daily massacres that we hear about on the news...or that sometime happen in our own back yards.

Do the right thing. Don't sell out to the NRA. The majority wants CHANGE.

Come Election Day, we will be one-issue voters over this. Do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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