

As residents of Sandy Hook for over 25 years, with a daughter who safely and successfully graduated from the Newtown School System, we witnessed the Sandy Hook tragedy in horror. While we recognize the rights granted by the 2nd Amendment, we simply cannot believe the country's founders had in mind granting citizens the right to own military grade weapons that reap death and mass destruction using a single finger. We are shocked that fellow citizens distort the interpretation of the 2nd Amendment in this way, allowing extremely dangerous weapons to be made available in the public domain. This is not an issue of rights. It is not an issue of gun owner responsibility. It is an issue of common sense. Assigning blame to a gun owner who used poor judgement does not reverse the horrible consequences of that poor judgement. We strongly support banning all rifles and pistols that rapidly fire high power rounds of ammunition. We also support banning high capacity ammo cartridges and enforcing background checks for all gun purchases, in all states, at all venues. Wake up. Stop the madness.

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