

Dear Committee Chairs and Members of the Task Force Committee,

My name is Lisa Hannich and I live in Stamford, CT. I am writing today to urge you to pass the legislative proposals submitted by CT Against Gun Violence. This comprehensive package of gun violence prevention measures will be a model for the nation and will go a long way towards keeping our children and communities safe. As a mother of two young children, I do not want to fear for their safety in public or at school, nor do I want them to grow up living in fear of gun violence.

We have reached the tipping point on this issue, and people like me throughout the country are counting on Connecticut to get rid of awful assault weapons and the high capacity magazines that feed them. The time is now to think first of the safety of the public. We expect no less than the strongest gun safety measures in the nation.

I would like to see a ban on all assault weapons (not just future sales), as well as much a much stronger and more comprehensive system of background checks and waiting periods of at least 30 days. Our consitutional 2nd amendment specifically allows for arms regulation, and this right to bear arms must be balanced with the responsibilities it entails and with our other rights. Our children deserve much better from us.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue,

Lisa Hannich