

Dear Gun Violence Prevention Working Group,

I am a law-abiding citizen and responsible gun owner.

I am saddened by the tragic events in Newtown, but I believe that efforts to impose new restrictions on me and other lawful and responsible owners like me are misguided. Did you know that violent crime with firearms has declined since the Federal "assault weapons ban" *expired* in 2004? Did you know that assault weapons are responsible for less than 1% of gun crimes? Why every time something tragic happens it seems that only the "law-abiding" citizens are being targeted? Do you really believe that we are the problem here?

Your focus should be on strengthening mental health care and improving the quality of data supporting NICS checks (National Instant Criminal Background Check System). Do NOT pass more gun laws; instead, work to enforce the more than 20,000 gun laws already on the books.

Finally, we protect our banks, public officials, offices, and stores with guns while our children's remain unprotected and in the harm's way. Please consider putting police officer in ever school.

I am your constituent and I vote. Please represent me.

Sincerely,

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