

To the Task Force on Gun Violence:

I am a parent of 2 young children in California, and the aunt of 3 young boys living in Connecticut. I am writing to stand behind the prevention of gun violence by supporting:

- 1) Ban of high capacity magazine clips.
- 2) Strengthening the current assault weapons ban so that there is no grandfathering or transferring to a relative and require all currently owned AW's to be removed from the state.
- 3) Redefine the AW ban so that it bans AWs with a detachable magazine clip and only one (not two) other common features of AWs. The current ban has allowed the gun manufacturers to easily re-design guns that have bypassed the existing ban.

I see no reason U.S. citizens need to have an AW or a gun with a high capacity mag clip. These types of guns should be only used by the military, not by the average citizen. I do not support banning guns altogether. Citizens have the right to bear arms. I simply do not agree that military style rifles should be owned by citizens. If regular citizens only have non-assault weapons/no mag clip guns, then it would be much more difficult to have a person go on a rampage and kill dozens of people all in one shooting. This ban would not completely take care of the problem, but it would help prevent another tragedy, like what happened in Newtown, CT. If we can save even one life this will be worth it. We will not be taking away U.S. citizen's rights to bear arms, we will only be keeping assault weapons out of non-military hands.

Thank you for your concern on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lynne Sutherland

Sent from my iPad