

This is my testimony for the hearing on Gun Violence to be held Monday Jan 28,2013.

I have lived in Newtown for 26 years. I am ashamed that we are not able to provide a safe place for our children to live, learn, and grow up. I feel responsible for the deaths that occurred on Dec 14 2012 and you should too. Because we have allowed our laws to expire, we have allowed corporate interests and profits to be more important than safety and security.

I am not against guns, I have family members that are collectors, I have gone to the range myself. But I have always been against assault weapons. There is no reason for any private citizen to have one of these in their home. Period! And to be able to go to a Walmart and fill a shopping cart with ammo, that is just crazy.

I pray we are beyond the days of militias. The NRA shows their lack of common sense when they call for armed guards to be in all our schools. Have we really come to this?

Gun violence is everywhere in CT. In the last 3 weeks there have been 3 shootings in a New Haven neighborhood where I visit. Two of them were inside of businesses.

DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO STOP THIS INSANITY. THAT IS WHAT I ELECTED YOU TO DO.

Thank you.