

To: All members of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group

My name is Malvi Garcia-Lennon. I live at 151 Pierce Blvd Windsor, CT. I am not a gun lover. I am not a permit holder, or a member of the NRA. My husband and I raised three children, and while the kids were, young I refused to allow a gun in our home. I share this information with you because when you read my testimony I want you to see me, an average citizen - not the so-called "gun Lobby".

Sandy Hook was a tragedy we all watched unfold in horror - hoping, praying and wondering, "What If that were my child, or my grandchild? I can identify with your determination to "do something", because as we learned some details of the carnage I too felt compelled to act. ***I support reform!*** Moreover, I count on you to act – but only ***after*** you have had the opportunity to study all the facts. Feel good legislation is not only meaningless it is dangerous. It will lull some into a sense of false security. Those looking for a bloodbath will take advantage of the false sense of security to slaughter more people.

Since the tragedy in Newtown, legislators have introduced over 70 bills! With few exceptions, the bills before you fall into three categories: unconstitutional, such as the one - bullet bill, unenforceable, such as the 10 - bullet limit, negative influence on jobs such as the magazine limit. Moreover, what is worse is that with few exceptions, none would prevent another massacre. It is incumbent upon you to tackle the tough issues!

1. Eliminate the Governor's Early Release Program, or at the very least amend it so that someone guilty of using a firearm to commit a crime is not eligible for credits.
2. Mandatory jail time without probation or parole for anyone guilty of using a firearm to commit a crime.
3. Increase the penalties for unlawfully possessing, buying, selling and trafficking in firearms.
4. Court ordered outpatient psychiatric treatment – with the possibility for involuntary commitment if the person presents a danger to himself or others and he/she will not comply with the outpatient treatment.
5. Allow doctors to share information about an adult's mental health treatment and/or lack of compliance with spouse, parent or adult child if in the doctor's opinion they have a need to know.
6. Make it possible to bring criminal charges against a lawful gun owner if guns are stored in such a way that a mentally ill person, living in the household, could reasonably gain access to the weapons. With great freedom such as that of lawfully owning, a gun there should also be even greater responsibility.

If more laws are necessary, I trust you will enact that, which will have a positive effect for the majority of the people. Thank you.

