

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Margaret Levine, 66 years old and retired. I, along with many, many others were sickened and appalled at the massacre at Sandy Hook School. There have been so many other instances of this cruel and inhuman act, but this time, I felt something break within me.

I have worked in schools as a teacher; for the City of New Haven in the Department of Cultural Affairs, and until I retired, as Executive Director of a non-profit, Young Audiences of CT – an organization that trains professional artists to work with students, teachers and administrative staff through performance, workshop, and artist residencies and professional development using many forms of the visual and performing arts. I have worked with Sandy Hook Elementary School and many other schools throughout the state.

My greatest joy was to visit the schools as our artists worked with the students: learning, performing, dancing and singing. Those children were so open to all the new adventures that awaited them.

Now, I grieve for the victims and their families. All one needs to say is Sandy Hook and most everyone throughout the world knows exactly what heinous act took place there. It is unfathomable to think that yes, it has happened again, this time to innocent babies and their devoted teachers and staff. And , again, the weapons of choice was handguns and an assault weapon with multi-round ammunition.

Have we no humanity? Can we not stand together and finally put an end to the manufacture and sale of these weapons that are meant to kill humans in the coldest, most efficient way?

I understand that the NRA is a very powerful entity, and that many Americans enjoy their guns for sport, but please, please, let us at least ban assault weapons and multi-round ammunition. There is no other use for these weapons except to kill human beings.

If I do nothing else in my life, I will work as hard as I can to see this happen: hopefully now, but at least in my lifetime.

Thank you so much for your dedication, time and effort for this cause. Please let me know what I can do to help.

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