

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a law abiding citizen, a United States Navy Veteran, and a responsible licensed gun owner since 1975 residing in Old Saybrook, Connecticut.

My heart goes out to families of the victims in Newtown, Connecticut. But I oppose new restrictions on law abiding gun owners.

As you all know the Federal AWB that was in place for 10 years did not reduce violent crimes in America. Connecticut still has an AWB in place and some of the most stringent gun laws in the country. You can pass all the laws you want and the criminals or the evil / mentally ill are not going to abide by them. New restrictions on

magazines are just another law the criminals will ignore. Remember that guns do not kill people, people kill people. I think back round checks for all gun buyers are a very good Idea, enforcing the current laws and changing and / or eliminating the gun free zones. I know budgets are tight and in Old Saybrook they have denied a request for additional police officers for school security, but they should have a system similar to the Airlines. This would allow trained licensed teachers or a retired police officer or a retired military man or woman to provide security. In this respect the budget would not increase and like on a plane no one knows if there is an armed sky Marshal aboard or if the pilot is armed too.

The real problems are the culture in this society, not the law abiding gun owners.

Sincerely,

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