

I am a full time working wife and mother of 3. I have lived in the state of Connecticut on and off for most of my life. I have always been proud to be from this small but mighty state. **I implore you, please, to take a strong and unbiased look at our gun laws today and determine if you think they are sufficient to keep our citizens safe.**

While I, personally, have always felt very strongly that guns have no place in the hands of anyone other than law enforcement, I have to respect the 2nd amendment right (although I believe it has to be amended). That said, there are many more restrictions that could and should be placed on this right. Background checks are, in my mind, a no-brainer. If you are a law-abiding citizen with only recreational intent for your weapon then you should not have any reason to fear background checks.

I also think the sale of guns should be limited to a few, specially licensed and registered gun retailers. I don't believe anyone should be able to go to a mom and pop gun show or hop on the internet to buy a weapon that kill another human being—or worse yet, many, many in one clip! And that brings me to the issue of high-capacity magazines. Why on earth would any civilian ever need an assault rifle or weapon that can do catastrophic damage in mere seconds?

Lastly, I do want to also say that I don't think this is a gun-control issue exclusively. I feel strongly that we **MUST** improve the mental health system in this country. Mental illness is a growing problem with no discussion even on the legislative table.

Please, please do not let the power of the lobbyists and the All Mighty Dollar impact your decision to do what you know is right and reasonable.

Thank you.  
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