

Dear task force,

I do not envy the task that faces you in the next coming weeks. I'm not a member of the NRA, or a gun extremist. I am an average male 35 years of age. I know you have a lot of work ahead of you in order to come up with safer laws to help prevent tragedies such as Newtown, however as tragic as it is please do not use emotional feeling to create laws that will effect law biding citizens. I agree that change is needed, unfortunately the only thing new laws will do, is limit the good guys. Every incident that we are trying to prevent, was caused by someone knowing and willing to break the law. An assault weapon ban will only cause more guns to end up on the street due to black market sales. There are already so many 30+ round magazines out there, and are flying off the shelves of every gun store in the state, how could you even prevent a monster from devastation? I don't know?

But if more of us are aware, willing to be trained for public safety, then maybe just the presents of aware law biding Citizens may be enough.

I have a few thoughts of what I feel would be fair for changes, and reasons behind my thoughts.

-More hours of pistol training-

I feel that an 8hr class is insufficient for someone to be able carry a gun. It has taken me several hours of training to feel comfortable in self defense. Training should point out potential threats and last resort shooting. (Hunting requires 16hr class)

-The ability to get a federal firearms permit- I can protect myself and my family in CT, but not if I go on vacation out of state, making me more of a target to criminals who know I cannot carry.

I don't know what is best, but I hope that you will take my email in consideration in your decision

Thank you for your time,

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Sent from my iPhone