

Hello -

I have lived in Redding, CT for the past eight years and I have three children. **I am writing to express my support for banning assault weapons, high capacity ammunition and to require background checks on all gun sales.** I am in full support of all the measures the President is trying to put in place regarding gun safety. I am not against the second amendment and believe in the right to bear arms, but at the same time I believe we need stricter laws when it comes to guns. How is this not common sense? I wonder how we have become a country obsessed with guns and why armor-piercing bullets would ever be necessary in the hands of anyone besides military personnel or a police officer.

I urge you to support the following controls:

A ban on high capacity ammunition magazines (with no grandfathering)

A strengthening of assault weapons ban (with no grandfathering)

The requirement of permits and universal background checks on ALL sales and transfers of guns, including long guns

The requirement of registration of handguns with annual renewal

The requirement of annual fee and annual background check for all handguns owned

The requirement that gun owners must stipulate that guns in their name are in their possession or must explain how the gun was transferred to another person

Required safety inspection every three years

Real consequences and liability liable for negligent storage: if any other person gains access to a gun owner's firearms and injures himself or another person or causes damage to property, the violation should be a Class D felony

A ban on the right of way for transportation of firearms and ammunition bought over the Internet

Taxation of ammunition sales

A requirement of a license/permit to purchase any gun or ammunition

The restriction of handgun sales to one gun/month

These are reasonable measures that are common sense. Please do what it takes to enact these safety measures.

Sincerely,

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