

On Jan 28, 2013, at 12:18 PM, Meredith Harris <[meredithharris@comcast.net](mailto:meredithharris@comcast.net)> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

As I sat and watched my sweet little 8 year old play with her basketball team yesterday, I wondered what would happen if a person with an automatic weapon came in shooting. How would I protect her? Could I lunge across the floor through a spray of bullets to cover her, and protect her against the gunfire, thus putting my life in risk? Why during the happy cheers of the parents, do I, and many other parents, have these thoughts pass through our minds because we fear that we cannot protect our little ones, instead of merely enjoying the game? The ability of anyone in this country to have automatic weapons takes away everyone's, not just parents, quality of life.

My belief is as follows: There is no need for anyone, other than the police and military to have automatic weapons and high capacity clips.

I would ask the legislature to pass the following to protect it's citizens:

- Make the ownership, or possession, of automatic weapons, and high capacity clips illegal in the State of Connecticut
- Make it illegal to purchase guns at private guns shows in the State of Connecticut
- Create a licensing bureau, with a computerized system, like the DMV, to license owners to own guns, and register all guns. Have such gun owners renew such licenses periodically, and prove their ability to proficiently use such guns.
- create a tax, like a cigarette tax on bullets

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