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From: Michael Lavorgna <michaellavorgna@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2013 7:33 PM
To: Senator Looney
Subject: Gun Control Legislation

Good evening Senator Looney. I'm writing this email in response to the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group Public Hearing to be held on Monday, January 28th. I am a law abiding gun owner and a responsible citizen with close ties to the tragedy that befell Sandy Hook. I have an aunt who teaches at Sandy Hook Elementary. My heart goes out to the families, as well as the community, that's been affected. But I must say, I'm very concerned about the proposals on hand for Monday's hearing. I don't believe the proposals that have been outlined address the real problem of keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill. These proposals will hurt the law abiding gun owners such as myself. Let me be clear, I support thorough background checks for those who wish to own firearms. I believe we need to overhaul the current background check system in order to close the gaps when it comes to background checks. I believe more needs to be done to identify AND HELP those who are mentally ill. I believe that our nation's schools should have better security measures to help deter these senseless acts of violence. We should be looking to enforce the gun laws that are currently on the books instead of pushing a liberal agenda for new laws that punish law abiding gun owners. The outlined proposals that are on hand sidestep the second amendment by creating these physical and financial barriers to discourage gun ownership for law abiding citizens. Last time I checked, criminals don't pay taxes or submit to background checks. So I fail to see how these new laws you're proposing punish criminals. I urge you, and the rest of the committee, to show restraint and pass effective laws that punish criminals, not people like myself who take our second amendment seriously. I will be forwarding this letter to the rest of the committee as well. Thank you for reading this and considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael Lavorgna