

Gun Violence Prevention Working Group,

As the father of a 3rd grader in Newtown, CT I demand that military style weapons and high capacity magazines like the ones used to murder twenty first graders and six adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary school on December 14th, 2012 be completely banned in Connecticut. This must not be a left v. right issue or a Democrat v. Republican issue or a liberal v. conservative issue; the only issue here is the safety of our children.

I understand that guns are not the only problem that this working group faces: I understand that we as a society will have to revisit the issue of school security the way we did post-Columbine. I know we should also re-think the way mental healthcare providers coordinate that care with families, schools, law enforcement and the state and that the way mental healthcare is delivered also have to be revisited **but we must never allow the sale of these weapons in our state ever again and we must fully account for the weapons currently in circulation in our state and we must do so immediately!**

These weapons are appropriate only to the battlefield.

We can not tolerate lax policy towards such dangerous weapons. We must no longer allow weapons manufacturers or their lobbying organizations to control the way weapons are sold and regulated in our state.

All guns should be at least as regulated and controlled as motor vehicles and Sudafed are. Go and make the changes that need to be made.

If you do not act in such a way that future murders with these weapons are at least curtailed then you will have blood on your hands and we in the electorate will remember that you voted against the interest of us and our children.

Do the right thing and account for these weapons now and ban any further sales of them in our state.

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