

Mr. chairman, my name is Michael Venuti, a life long resident of the town of Killingworth and an owner and taxpayer of over 300 acres. I am appalled at the ease in which our representatives are drafting new gun laws which will do NOTHING to prevent another horrific school shooting like the one at Sandy Hook, but will weaken mine and all other law-abiding citizens' efforts to protect ourselves and our property. We have thousands of gun laws on the books, paperwork is extensive, yet shootings still occur, which only proves that criminals don't abide by the rules, never have and never will. If you really wish to prevent another school shooting then let's do something that involves a little common sense. Let's rid ourselves of gun-free school zones and let's protect our children from the criminals! School teachers should be allowed to carry a concealed weapon on school grounds. This has been enacted in several states for a few years and the results are amazingly successful. A great example is a 1-hour Fox radio interview I heard from a superintendent in Texas who has over 20 schools in his district and thousands of children. Since 2007 teachers on a volunteer basis are trained and subject themselves through thorough background checks, men and women carry revolvers, yet no one knows who is carrying. The public knows teachers carry and SAT scores have increased, drug use and tardiness has decreased, graduation rate has increased and enrollment has increased, meaning families are moving to this school district to get a good quality education. This is a great example of one way of curbing violence, no shootings and no violence since 2007. If we can't afford armed guards then this is the next logical step to take, please use common sense and consider this measure and don't take away my gun rights or my constitutional rights.

Thank you, Michael Venuti