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Dear Members of the Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety:

The Sandy Hook School massacre of December 14, 2012 which killed 20 of our innocent children and six educators, has left the citizens of our state and our nation with many broken hearts and unanswered questions, however the call for action remains very clear.

YOU, as our elected officials, have the power at this critical moment in history to take immediate action to reduce gun violence in this country, to influence mental health care availability and school security. YOU have the power to take the courageous steps needed to protect your own children and constituents. PLEASE put politics aside, and please make your decisions as if one of those 26 precious lives lost in Sandy Hook was one of your loved ones.

I urge you to:

Gun Violence

Support the proposal set forth by CT Against Gun Violence. (Copy attached).

Limit magazines to 7 rounds. Do not be misguided by the style of weapon. A handgun with large capacity clips is just as dangerous or more, than an assault style weapon.

Ensure strong background check systems that eliminate any barriers preventing states from sharing important information with each other. (Visit HIPAA)

Close ALL background check loopholes.

Mandate gun sellers to educate buyers on gun safety and storing guns safely.

Mandate that gun manufacturers use fingerprint technology to ensure guns sold are used solely by their educated owners.

Enact a federal buy back program to take high capacity magazines and guns off the streets.

Mental Health

Support Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) which provides training for teachers to detect a student with mental health issues and then assures students are referred to services needed. (See wh.gov/nowisthetime).

Support the Affordable Care Act allowing for parity between mental health coverage and other benefits.

School Safety

Support Comprehensive School Safety Grants to purchase school safety equipment/systems and development of safety training for personnel.

Please do not delay in making the changes needed to secure our children and restoring our sense of safety as a community. The moment is NOW, the country and world are watching us. *Let your positive actions be your legacy to our state and our country.*

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter in its entirety. Your dedication to this task force and your careful discourse of gun violence, mental health and school security are urgently needed and appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
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