

My name is Nancy Lefkowitz. I am here today to demand change in our current gun laws. I urge you to ban and destroy high capacity ammunition magazines and military-style assault weapons; I urge mandatory background checks for all people wanting to purchase guns; and I urge that you require annual registration renewal for all guns.

I do support an individual's right to own a gun.

What I don't support is the gross misinterpretation of the 2nd Amendment and the irresponsible suggestion that it's the right of every citizen to own what are essentially killing machines, or any gun for that matter, without rational and sane regulations and limitations.

In the 45 days since the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, three *thousand* six hundred people have died because of gun violence; in the twelve years since I marched alongside the Million Moms in Washington, *three hundred and sixty thousand* have died. ...you've asked us to **wait** as you weigh your options? Don't you think we've waited long enough? With each passing day, 80 more families are united by inexplicable grief as they face the pain and anguish of losing a loved one to a violent gun death.

Our grassroots organization, MARCH FOR CHANGE, was born on that day someone opened fire on an elementary school killing twenty small children and six educators with an arsenal of guns he had no business having access to. On that same day, two dormant activists sprang into action; two has quickly grown to a few thousand. Your hesitance to act swiftly and aggressively in favor of safer, rational, gun laws turned thousands of residents of this state into single-issue voters and we are now paying attention to your every move. All eyes are on Connecticut; all eyes are on **you**. We have reached a tipping point. We demand the passage of safer, rational, common sense gun laws.

Our hearts are broken and we demand change today.

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<http://www.MarchForChange.org>

MARCH FOR CHANGE

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State Capitol

Hartford, CT

11am

CHANGE THE CONVERSATION, CHANGE CULTURE, CHANGE THE LAWS/
ENHANCE SAFER GUN LAWS