

Task Force on Children's Safety and Gun Violence Protection

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I am writing in response to the Sandy Hook Tragedy. Action is required, but not at the expense of law abiding citizens. I sincerely hope you take the time to review the many proposals that focus on real world gun safety solutions. I don't understand the need to make more laws, more restrictions and take less action on the criminals that violate them.

Law abiding citizens should not be prohibited from keeping legally purchased property because of the acts of the mentally unstable. New ammo taxes or pistol permit fee's will not improve children's safety or prevent violence. I am opposed to a new assault weapon ban or magazine restriction because they have been shown to have little effect on preventing crime. Feel good legislation is not the solution we need. I propose we focus our efforts on gun storage safety education especially when household members have mental problems or a history of substance abuse. Also reform our states mental health system to share information with NCIS and the DPS and expand on background checks to include all firearms transfers. Preventing guns from being obtained by felons and the mentally unstable is the real goal not taking rights away from the voting Connecticut tax payers.

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