

To the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group:

My name is Rachel Aron, I am a recent college graduate and have lived in the Greater Hartford area for all of my life.

As a young woman soon to live on her own, I can assure you safety is my number one concern. What happened in Newtown was a terrible and heartbreaking tragedy, but let us not forget yet another tragedy to hit CT in 2007, the home invasion and murder of Jennifer, Hayley, and Michaela Petit.

According to the National Crime Victimization Survey

- An estimated **3.7 million** household burglaries occurred each year on average from 2003 to 2007.
- In about **28% (1,036,000)** of these burglaries, a household member was present during the burglary.
- In **7% (259,000)** of all household burglaries, a household member experienced some form of violent victimization.
- Offenders were armed with a firearm in **23%** of burglaries in households (**73,000 on average**) burglarized by a stranger where violence occurred.

The definition of a criminal is a person who has committed a crime, a crime being an unlawful act or illegal activity. With this logic it does not matter what laws you propose as criminals will do what they do best and continue to break them. By saying my gun magazine should only hold seven bullets instead of ten or more is not a way to keep me safer, it is an opportunity to weaken me. Saying guns should be made to only shoot one bullet is not a way to end gun-violence, it's playing Russian roulette with a rapist, a murderer, or even Adam Lanza.

The only people you are controlling are those that choose to abide by the law. So I am writing to you as a law-abiding citizen to oppose the restrictions you are proposing, as I will not allow anyone to lessen my ability to protect myself.

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National Crime Victimization Survey

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