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To Whom It May Concern,

I, would like to express my concern with the reaction and haste to pass legislation in wake of Sandy Hook tragedy. I have read some of the laws that might be passed in regard to "gun control". I do not see how any of the laws that are proposed will impose any sanctions on criminals. It will just hurt lawful taxpaying citizens. Criminals need mandatory sentences with no plea deals or probation for the crimes they commit.

Criminals will get what they want, when they want it with no regard for the law. Imposing magazine bans or assault weapons ban will not stop criminals from obtaining firearms. Criminals believe the law does not apply to them. 99% of gun violence occurs from criminal behavior and people with a compromised mental state. Lawful citizens always suffer the effects of criminal behavior. The answer from the State legislature is pass more firearms laws and do it when the people and the legislative body as a whole are on board and it will be pass without regard to the people it will effect. Mom always said " Think before you act and the outcome of your action and who it will effect." That is what I and thousands of lawful citizens are asking you to do. No matter what law you pass it will not change or better the situation on gun violence, except for the people who follow the law. CRIMINALS DON'T FOLLOW THE LAW. Criminals and people with mental health issues and the amount of violence on tv and video games along with the lack of parental supervision are the problem not guns. More gun control is not the answer, infringing on the 2nd amendment is not the answer.

No one person or group has the answer, but I would look at crime control, mandatory sentences, mental health reform and the most important factor the availability of violent video games that are sold without I.D. checks and the violent movies that can be rented as well. Theses video games and simulation of first person shooter have desensitized violence to children and adults along with people who have mental issues. People with mental health issues cannot always distinguish reality from fiction. When that disconnect from reality and fiction happens everyone can see the results. I suggest passing legislation on video game violence and age restrict purchases of these games and simulations.

Most importantly if everything I wrote is ignored please ask yourself this one question: Why a rush to pass legislation now when the governing body in this state did nothing to talk about or take action in the wake of all the other previous shootings in the country on the issues of gun control, mental health and school safety?