

This is my testimony for the Newtown public hearing on January 30th.

I am a parent of three young boys in Greenwich, CT. I am writing to stand behind the prevention of gun violence by supporting:

- 1) Ban of high capacity magazine clips.
- 2) Strengthening the current assault weapons ban so that there is no grandfathering or transferring to a relative and require all currently owned AW's to be removed from the state.
- 3) Redefine the AW ban so that it bans AWs with a detachable magazine clip and only one (not two) other common features of AWs. The current ban has allowed the gun manufacturers to easily re-design guns that have bypassed the existing ban.

I see no reason U.S. citizens need to have an AW or a gun with a high capacity mag clip. These types of guns should be used by the military, not for a home intruder etc. I do not support banning guns altogether. Citizens have the right to bear arms. I simply do not agree that military style rifles need to be allowed to be owned by citizens. If regular citizens only have non-assault weapons and no mag clip guns then it will be that much more difficult to have a mentally ill person, etc. go on a rampage and kill dozens or hundreds of people all in one shooting. Some people still will get shot in such circumstances, but not nearly as many. If we can save even one life this will be worth it. We will not be taking away U.S. citizen's rights to bear arms, we will only be keeping assault weapons out of non-military hands. Civilians need only the right to have a regular rifle if they so desire.

We need to take action to protect U.S. citizens, especially children, from the actions of someone not thinking clearly! Thank you for your concern on this matter.

Sincerely,

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