

Hello,

I am a resident of Newtown, Connecticut and my two children attend Newtown's schools. My husband and I moved to this small, close-knit community when our daughter was 2 years old. We had a son 8 months after we moved here. We have always felt safe within our community even when our doors were unlocked and our kids were walking to their friends' houses down the road. Perhaps this feeling of security was unrealistic in the world today, but never the less, we felt it. This all changed on December 14, 2012.

Now our kids' and all kids' feelings of security are in shards. My 12 year old now believes that no place is safe and he is correct. As long as there are large enough loop-holes in our gun regulations to drive a car through, we aren't doing enough to keep our children and our people safe. If I could have my personal way, I would ban all guns. However, I am realistic in that I know our Constitution provides for citizens to be armed, but it says nothing about not being able to require those same citizens to register, provide personal information, have a background check, lock their guns up, prove that they have taken and are remaining up to date with training, etc. I urge you to enact the strongest possible regulation on the ownership of firearms. I also urge a ban on semi-automatic weapons (hand guns and rifles), magazines, strips or barrels of more than 1. Yes, 1. My 15 year old heard that the new thought was to ban magazines of more than 10 and she said, "So, then it's OK to kill 10 kids but not 11?" I have to see the wisdom in that.

Please for the sake of our kids, future kids and people all over, do something now or this will happen again. Next time it could be your community.

Sincerely,

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