

I am a citizen in West Hartford, Ct concerned about gun safety.

We must have an intelligent conversation about the causes of gun violence and effective ways to prevent its tragic costs to our society: senseless loss of life, deaths of children, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, parents, aunts and uncles, the list goes on. A conversation that isn't just a reaction to the news worthy mass shootings that rally temporary outrage, but a conversation that steps back and addresses the gun violence perpetrated everyday. To argue that effective regulation of dangerous weapons is a slippery slope to "taking away the right to bare arms" is ludicrous and a distraction. Americans will always have a right to "bare arms" but we should also have just as much of a right to be safe in our communities and have freedom from harm.

Please take this opportunity to do the right thing. Find solutions that will work and that will be effectively implemented. For the safety and rights of all, please.

Sincerely,

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