

I am writing to urge your committee to support the proposals advanced by CT Citizens Against Gun Violence (CAGV). I believe the common sense steps advocated by CAGV are necessary to prevent gun violence and safeguard public areas.

As a registered voter and military veteran of the Persian Gulf, I fully agree with a ban on high capacity ammunition magazines, strengthening assault weapons ban (no grandfathering), universal background checks on all sales and transfers and annual registration of all weapons held in private hands. I also support the taxation of weapons and ammunition, as well as insurance requirements for gun owners.

I find it unacceptable that a mother in CT was legally allowed to keep an arsenal in her home easily accessible by her son. I find it equally unacceptable that he was able to use a shooting range in this state. I demand greater restrictions on firearms owners and more accountability to prevent gun violence.

Lastly I do not agree with arming teachers. The state of CT needs to provide the funds to allow a more visible police deterrent at our schools in order to keep our kids safe. Schools deserve the same level of protection our government buildings enjoy. The answer to the tragedy of Newtown is not more guns, but more educational funds, balance, gun owner responsibility and trained security.

Respectfully,

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