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Hello, I as a father of 2 children ages 7 and 9 would like express my deepest sympathies to the fallen victims of the Sandy Hook killings. If I lived 40 miles to south, it very well could have been my children.

I know emotion is very high and the anti-gun constituents are embracing this tragedy to push their agenda. We all have to remember that the guns did nothing wrong, There was a person operating the gun. We have all herd the numbers both for and against. No doubt that this was a very bad situation, But when it comes down to the facts, It was This person that was broken, our current system did not stop him. I also know that the bills banning modern sporting rifles and high capacity magazines would have not stopped him. The only way to stop him would have been a deterrent to easy prey. I am not sure the best way of that, although if school employees who passed a secondary "shrink Test" were allowed to carry concealed weapons or in a lock box in the main office by the door, or the possibility of guards being there, I think it would deter someone from thinking it is a soft target. Even if no one in the school had a gun, the perpetrator would not know this, and have to look for easier pray.

I think that the modern sporting rifle also has had a bad rap from the movies and the novice. My sporting rifle is set up for hunting coyotes and deer, as it is 308 caliber. Many people choose the civilian version of the military rifle due to the lower cost of ammunition, as it is made in bulk. If you look at any modern hunting or shooting magazine you will see adaptations of the rifle for hunting and the shooting sports. Do they have potential for being more dangerous in the wrong hands yes, But no more than the crossbow over the bow, the flintlock over the crossbow. The cartridge over the loose powder, the double barrel over the single barrel, it simply is the next step in the evolution of the gun. It is no different than a person's automobile! No car needs to go over 65 miles an hour in CT, so why do we have so many high performance cars that kill people every day. Banning all cars that exceed the speed limit would not make sense either.

I think back to September 11 2001. A group of mad men high jack several planes and performed the worst attack on the us main land ever. We did not call for immediate law changes, We did not attack their religion, We did not ban airplanes from the sky. We came up with a plan to protect our citizens without taking there right away and we went after the people responsible for the actions like no one on this earth has seen before

I know we can find common ground here, I'm good even with moving sporter rifles into a class like pistols were you have to pass a test and background check to purchase and only through a dealer. Honest gun owners could live with this, as well as other well thought out bills, But banning is not the answer.

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