

To: Connecticut General Assembly's Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety- Gun Safety Working Group

From: Sharon Hyde

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Re: Gun Violence Prevention

This is the first time that I have written to legislators to voice my opinion on an issue. I am not submitting a form letter or email. I am presenting this to you at the hearings in Newtown. I made this trip to Newtown to demonstrate to you how important this issue is to me. I also went to Hartford and waited in line in the cold for over an hour so that I could attend the hearings and submit testimony.

I have guns in my home. They are for hunting and safely locked away. My husband is an avid hunter and comes from a family where hunting and gun collecting is a passion. This does not mean that our family supports the views of the NRA: **WE DO NOT!**

We are in favor of sensible gun laws and we urge you to recommend the following legislative proposals:

- *Universal background checks on all gun sales and transfers in CT.*
- *Ban the possession or transfer of high capacity ammunition magazines carrying more than 7 rounds.*
- *Strengthen CT's assault weapons ban*
- *Strengthen existing law on safe storage of firearms*
- *Consider expansion of the CT permit requirement to carrying long guns in public.*

I will be monitoring your actions on these items and I will continue to advocate on this until something is done to counteract the rash of gun violence in CT and in this country.....and I vote.

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