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I've lived in Sandy Hook for 15 years and both my children went to Sandy Hook Elementary. My daughter is now at Newtown High School and my son graduated from Newtown two years ago. Like so many in our town, we are mourning the loss of those who died on December 14, including our friend and neighbor, who died trying to protect the children in her care. I've never been an activist, or spoken out for gun control, but I am now.

I do not advocate taking away anyone's second amendment rights to own guns. But we can regulate the ownership of guns and adopt reasonable restrictions on guns as follows:

- I urge you to require permits and universal background checks on all sales and transfers of guns, including more expansive use of mental health records in background checks of gun buyers.
- Require registration of handguns with annual renewal. Require an annual fee and annual background check for all handguns owned. We keep track of who owns cars, we can and should keep track of who owns guns.
- Renew and tighten the assault weapons ban – ban any military style assault or semi-automatic weapons.
- Ban large capacity ammunition magazines of more than 7 rounds, just like New York State has just done.
- Make gun owners liable for negligent storage if any person gains access to firearms and injures another person or causes property damage. This negligence should be a felony.
- Tax ammunition sales and require a license to purchase gun or ammunition.

Thank you.