

## Testimony

I am a Stamford resident and a voting citizen, active in my community. I have two small children, ages four and one. I plan to send them to public school as they grow.

After the horrific event that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown killing 20 school-aged children and six brave adults, I, along with thousands of other parents, were forced to rethink how our state government regulates firearms.

While I understand that gun violence is a multi-faceted issue, the fact remains that if there are military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines available for anyone to purchase, our communities, including my family and yours, will forever be in danger of another mass shooting. Why should us Connecticut families and citizens face this fear every day? Do we not have the right to live safe lives, free from the fear of being shot in our own elementary schools? Our malls? Our movie theaters? The question is not if it will happen again, but WHEN.

Military-style assault weapons were designed for one purpose in mind: kill as many people in as short amount of time as possible. This is not a civilian firearm. This is a weapon designed for the battlefield.

I am a volunteer member of The ENOUGH Campaign which exists to protect our families and our country as we advocate for more public awareness on the issues of gun violence prevention in America. We have seen thousands of people interested in putting an end to the gun violence epidemic that plagues our communities. I can guarantee that even if you receive more testimonials from gun lobbyists than families, us families and concerned citizens OUTNUMBER those who oppose this legislation. We are here. And we VOTE.

My family and I urge you to pass this important legislation that the Connecticut Against Gun Violence has put forth. Simply put, if you don't vote for our interests, we will not vote for you, and we will actively support those who agree with us and oppose you.

Pass this legislation now. Enough is ENOUGH.

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