

Testimony

My name is Susan Day, I have lived in Cos Cob, Connecticut for 16 years and I am the face of the silent majority. I love my country and all it stands for. I think thoughtfully. I vote conscientiously. But I never express my thoughts publicly. The most you will ever hear from me is through a signed petition that I did not initiate. I let others that are louder than me do my talking for me, whether or not I agree with them.

So today I am way outside my comfort zone in sending this testimony to you. But the events of December 14 shook me to my core in the same way as only one other "public" event, 9/11, has ever shaken me before. And on December 14 I vowed that I would no longer sit on the sidelines and allow those that are louder than me, but do not express my thoughts, speak on my behalf.

I have two children who are 13 and 16. Each day I send them to school knowing that they are safe, a gift that I have thankfully known throughout my life as a US citizen. But over the past several years I have seen our safety as US citizens, something we all have been lucky enough to take for granted, greatly put into jeopardy by ongoing and increasing atrocities starting most visibly with Columbine and now most recently happening in our own back yard of Newtown. And most recently these atrocities have been at the hand of assault weapons with high capacity magazines that have no reason to ever be used, not even for self- defense under the rights of the 2nd amendment, other than for military purposes .

Banning assault weapons and large capacity magazines will not completely resolve the disturbing growth in gun violence in this country. But it is a first and necessary step to insure the safety of our children and their children for generations to come. For this reason, I support the agenda layed out by CAGV as follows:

- A ban on assault weapons including a mandatory turn in of all civilian assault weapons in Ct.
- A ban on large capacity magazines of greater than 7 rounds to include a mandatory turn in of all large capacity magazines in Ct.
- Required permits and universal background checks on all sales and transfers of guns in Ct.
- Required annual hand gun permit renewals in Ct.
- Required license for gun and ammunition purchases in Ct.

Please, I ask of you that you move quickly forward on this legislation. Listen to the silent majority, not to the loud and powerful but not necessarily representative NRA and it constituents. Insure the safety of our children. Insure the safety of the citizens of Ct. Make Connecticut a leader in this nation for smart gun legislation.

Sincerely,
Susan Day