

I'm writing regarding gun control legislation. I'm hoping that Connecticut will follow New York's lead and pass stronger gun control laws, particularly since 20 children and 6 educators were senselessly mowed down in this state.

Many years ago I was held up at gunpoint on a crowded Metro North train. Luckily I was not harmed- I gave the perpetrator the money he asked for. The woman next to me hesitated and was shot in the hand.

The robber then went to a housing complex near the train station and shot an individual he was also trying to rob- because he didn't understand him. Had the perpetrator had a gun like the Bushmaster AK-15, I wouldn't be here now, a lot of others wouldn't be here now.

I'm not a fan of any guns, period, but something needs to be done to stop access to the kind of weapons that cause maximum deaths.

I'm sorry I can't be present for the debates, but I want my letter to express my feelings and carry some weight.

Sincerely,

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