

To whom it may concern,

I am a Newtown mom. I am very lucky as my children attend one of the other elementary schools in town. However, we were not unaffected by this tragedy. We need to do our best to ensure that this doesn't happen to another school, another town, another set of families.

While I believe in people's right to own arms, I do not believe that people need military style weapons or extended magazines. These items should be banned not just from future sales, but should be illegal to own entirely. You do not need these weapons to protect your family, hunt or simply enjoy the sport of shooting. We must balance rights of gun owners with the rights of children to live and to be safe. If we do not do everything we can to put the safety of our children first, how will the next town judge us? How will we live with ourselves? We must put in laws that put the right to live about the right to bear arms. I ask you to please consider those children that were killed, the families that are suffering, and help to make it more difficult for people like Adam Lanza to have the weaponry that allowed him to kill 26 people in a few minutes. Please put the safety of our children first.

Regards,
Susan Muir