

Stamford, CT

Not a day has gone by since Dec. 14 that I don't think about what happened in Newtown, about the families destroyed; worlds shattered; sweet children lost to the worst imaginable evil.

(Before December 14th it was unimaginable.)

My twins are nearly 6, so I know what it's like to wholeheartedly love an innocent child, someone whose world is butterflies and ice cream and sea creatures and glitter, someone for whom the magic of life is tangible. Someone who embodies hope for the future.

In the face of losing everything dear to me, I'm not sure I could bravely put one foot in front of the other as many of the Sandy Hook parents have done. In light of their loss, and so no other child suffers this fate, I ask that you please pass legislation to outlaw all assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, as well as legislation requiring mandatory background checks and waiting periods for those who wish to buy (non-assault) rifles and pistols.

Please make sure a tragedy like Newtown never happens again.

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