

As a mother of two young boys, the tragedy of what happened in Newtown on December 14 has consumed my mind. My son is a kindergartener and the thought of him being killed in school has prompted me to write this email. I fully understand that this is a controversial issue, like our vice-president said, "I have no illusions about what we are up against." However I believe that if we take a smart stand against guns, we could make our communities a safer place! New York has already acted and now, in our OWN state, the home of Sandy Hook, we, gun control advocates, are being out numbered 10 to 1. I do not believe in taking away a citizens right to own a gun, however a ban on assault weapons, high-capacity clips and universal back ground checks are fair and reasonable solutions. I want and demand tougher gun control laws now, before another horrific tragedy occurs right in our back yard.

Sincerely,

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