

To: Connecticut General Assembly's Bipartisan Task Force On Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety—Gun Safety Working Group

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RE: Action Against Gun Violence

I am the mother of a 5 year old kindergartener who attends the Scotland Elementary School in Ridgefield.

I was at Scotland School when the Newtown shooting happened and our school went into complete lockdown. I will never forget the terrorized looks in the eyes of our administrators, teachers, and later those of the older children who learned what happened.

I volunteer at lunch when approximately 60 kindergarteners gather, openly and freely, in the cafeteria. I help these children, who are among the smallest of our citizens, to open their milk cartons, spread cream cheese on their bagels, and help them out in the bathroom.

This is their world. They are challenged by the simplest things.

5 Year olds should not have to live in a frightening environment where their sense of security is shattered on a daily basis.

Do you think the word of the day in kindergarten should include "shooting", or "multiple magazines", or "assault weapons", and "body counts"?

It is our responsibility, mine and yours, to do our part to ensure that their environment is as secure and stable as possible.

Your responsibility as a lawmaker and representative is to do your part.

YOUR PART IS TO PASS COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION IN THE STATE OF CT. THAT WOULD REQUIRE:

- Universal background checks
- Ban the possession of large capacity magazines
- Strengthen Ct.'s assault weapons ban
- Strengthen the safe storage of weapons laws
- Expand the laws requiring permits to carry long guns in public

Demonstrate your courage. Use as an example the state's and the nation's 5 year olds who walk into schools every day, not knowing what evil will come to them due to your political inaction. Stop taking the blood money and serving the interests of gun lobbyists who have no interest other than profits, and who use the 2nd amendment as a cover for irresponsible profiteering.

