

To whom it may concern,

Making gun laws stricter is not going to solve the issue of gun violence in Connecticut. If a “bad guy” or someone who is mentally unstable wants to use a gun they are going to find a way to get a gun no matter if it is illegal or not. That man who killed all those innocent children at Sandy Hook did not care that he broke the law by stealing a gun. Law makers have to remember that these people who have made the news for gun violence are not law abiding citizens. No matter how many laws are created they are not going to stop these people. Sportsmen use assault weapons in competition. It would not be fair to band a gun that people use in a lawful manner.

People need to know how to use guns responsibly. More classes should be required for gun safety. I recently got my pistol permit. I did not have much experience with guns. I thought that the safety section of the class was extremely adequate, but I thought that the practical section of the class was lacking. I would have liked to shot with a professional for longer so I could be more comfortable applying the safety rules.

I believe in that people have the right to use guns responsibly. In order to use guns more responsibly people should be actively educated in gun safety. I believe that this education should start at a young age. Children are bombarded with images of guns in movies, TV, and in video games. Children are desensitized to the seriousness of guns. If children are giving sexual education class and drug prevention class why can't they be educated in gun safety? Public schools condition children to live in our society. Gun safety should be a part of this conditioning. Along with gun safety, these classes should teach children how to react in dangerous situations. Just like when schools do fire drills and lock down drills. This kind of education is an investment in the future. Children will soon become adults and will be making adult decisions and some of these decisions may be about guns. Our children have to know gun safety for right now and in the future.

Education is the best way to stop gun violence. People need to be well informed when they are buying guns. They need to know the proper way to store guns so that they are not stolen for unlawful use. Background checks should be done at all times to assure that guns do not get into the wrong hands. Pistol permits should become gun permits and should be required for buying any gun to ensure that the person who is buying the gun has had the proper education. Everyone should know gun safety and what to do in dangerous situations because gun violence is not going away.