

We are lifelong Connecticut residents. We understand that Connecticut has some of the strongest gun laws in the country. The fact that these laws could not prevent the tragedy in Newtown is instructive. While we do need to review current laws, and probably do a review on the level of enforcement, we also MUST set aside raw emotion and act based on evidence and common sense. The fact is, states with gun bans have higher crime rates. The fact is that the ten year assault weapon ban had no effect on gun deaths. The fact is that the Newtown, and Colorado, and other massacres were ended by a "good guy" with a gun. The fact is, most people who commit gun crimes have the guns illegally.

We support background checks for everyone buying a gun, and fully support the second amendment. We support a serious investigation of the violent video game industry, with ratings and parental controls, and an in depth look at all the mental health issues, including better insurance coverage for mental health diagnosis and treatment.

Thank you. Wayne and Robin Wheeler, Connecticut voters.