

I am writing to you today in regards to gun control and I hope you will read my letter. We are all very well aware of the tragedy at Sandy Hook and there is no need to go into details. I am a husband, father and also a hunter. I believe if we are going to pass gun control we need to pass "reasonable" gun control that gets to heart of the matter and not just pass laws and ban guns that are impractical and hurt more law abiding citizens then helps what is behind the real issue. The shooter at Sandy Hook and all the other shootings that have taken place recently in the U.S were done by severely mentally unstable people. Myself and many fellow sportsmen that I have spoken to are for back-round checks for "all" gun sales as well as ammo sales. We also feel that anyone who wants to purchase firearms or ammo should show proof that he or she has completed a firearms safety course. Many also feel that more needs to be done with people with mental issues. Many state budget cuts over the years has simply given no place for these people to go. Most often there are many warning signs before that certain individual acted. Mental health issues are not going to just go away. Also, stiffer penalties should be enacted for anyone that commits violence with a firearm. I believe that if this committee looks hard enough into these area's "reasonable" gun control that benefits both sides can be achieved. I want to thank you for your time today on these issues.

Sincerely yours,

William Maynard

P.S. If possible I would like to requeste a read confirmation of my letter. Thank you.