

My name is Zoe Eggleston, a senior at Newtown High School. I was born on December 14, and for my 18th birthday a man came into an elementary school, armed, and killed kids that everyone in this small town loved. I loved.

I teach kids how to swim, watched them go off the diving board for the first time, watched them grow up. I can't watch James Mattioli grow up anymore because this monster took him from his family, his school, his town.

This monster shouldn't have had access to what he had. Guns need to go.

The fact that my little town was considered safe but can no longer be seen as that scares me. It can happen anywhere. But I need it to stop now, stop here is Newtown. No one needs to go through what we are going through now.

-Zoe Eggleston