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January 29 - 2013  
To: Sen. Honorable Theresa Gerrator  
(D - New Britain) & General  
Assembly - State Capitol  
Hartford - Connecticut.

Dear Senator Gerratorana & Members  
of General Assembly:

I am Antonio Sanchez Ramirez.  
I want to testify in writing  
about Mental Health & Violence. I  
have been in the Mental Health  
System since 1978. I am 49 y/o.  
I understand a lot about Mental  
Health & Violence.

Here, I just have little time  
to give just a summary of my  
experiences. Mental Health & Violence  
is extremely a serious issue. Before  
in 1999 I testified supporting a  
M entering program for youthful  
offenders incarcerated. Many of them  
with Chronic Mental Health issues  
see House Project # 5840 year  
1999 by Barnaby Hoston (D -  
Hartford).

Regarding Sandy Hook Tragedy:  
If we can avoid this, it

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gedies? Yes, Most of the time.  
Not all the time. Evil do  
exist and evil is for real. Just  
Mental Health deteriorate year by  
year. With Major stressors de-  
teriorate and especially without  
the right assessment & the right  
attention. That's why we ended  
with the situation, the cruel  
tragedy in Sandy Hook. The problem  
Lack of Very early intervention  
& lack of early right assessment.  
Even worse, access to assault  
weapons freely. My experience,  
serious Mental Health problems  
arise early in childhood and worse  
because of a fail Mental Health  
system and very poor family &  
community intervention. We need  
to attack the problem very, very  
early in childhood & adolescence.  
The Mental Health Clinics & those  
professionals are very, very crowded.  
They do not have space & time  
to serve properly to the clients.  
Mental Health deserve the right  
assessment and very serious

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consideration.

I cannot testify in person because I am the caregiver of my 92 years old Mother and she is very frail & with Alzheimer.

I want to make very important suggestions:

1- To establish a permanent task force on Mental Health, child abuse, gun violence & Youth violence to address, seriously, the issues in Sandy Hook school tragedy & to look to the future. That is the right thing to do.

2- I want to ask the General Assembly to reach for these experts on Mental Health & Juvenile Violence:

Dr. Dorothy Othow Lewis  
Professor - New York University  
& former Professor in Yale.

Dr Jonathan Pincus (neurologist)

Dr Jonathan Kellerman - author  
& expert on violent youth.

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If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Finally I want to give my most sincere condolences to the families of the victims of Sandy Hook. I have watched many of the interviews on TV. Those are very painful. Again, what we need is very early intervention with the children & adolescents. If we really ~~do~~ want to stop such tragedies, we need a lot of changes. Changes in the M.H. system & the community.

Sincerely yours,

Antonio Sanchez Ramirez  
(860) 586-8457.

