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## Legislative hearing

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My son PFC Gebrah P. Noonan was murdered September 24, 2010 by an assault weapon issued by the United States Army while stationed in Iraq by a fellow soldier. It was a double homicide. My son had taken a shower, walked into his room and was ambushed. Seventeen shots fired in the desert, murdering my son PFC Noonan, Specialist Carrillo and blowing half the skull off Specialist Shonk who survived after flat lining twice and almost losing his leg. The shooter was not mentally ill. He was a cold blooded murderer. Did the weapon or the man commit the crime. The Government successfully prosecuted the murderer, who was sentenced to life without parole.

The Army conducted a thorough investigation into the events of September 24, 2010. They had to investigate themselves and did it without partiality. An Article 32 hearing was conducted revealing all the facts of the case and was presented to the families upon disclosure. Nothing was conducted in secret.

The State of Connecticut is conducting hearings and introducing legislation without a full and impartial investigation of the rampage shootings in Newton. Before any legislation be introduced it is incumbent upon the Government to disclose all facts pertaining to the rampage shooting as it this shooting which has provided the impetus for this legislation. Urban violence has never prompted the legislature to conduct such hearings. With such important legislation being considered by this body, that could impact every resident in the State of Connecticut, the public has the right to disclosure.

The demographic of a rampage shooter is a white male, aged 18-24, from a middle class community, where bad things are not supposed to happen. The demographic of the hand gun shooter is an individual from an urban environment where the residents live in fear, are preyed upon and not considered as worth by many is this State. Murder, pain and suffering does not discriminate.

January 27, 2013 a Chicago mother lost her fourth and last child to gun violence. Where is the outrage?

If we are sincere in our efforts to address all gun violence, we have to face ourselves and realize all lives taken have value from the uttermost to the guttermost. Let us not make truth the first casualty.