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Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
Newtown, CT

I'd like to thank the members of the CT Legislature for their efforts to ensure that CT is a leader in protecting the rights of all citizens to pursue the American dream. I applaud their multi-pronged approach to the issues we are here to discuss today.

My name is Marjorie Wren, and I live in New Haven, CT. I am here to offer testimony as part of the silent majority who believe that enough is enough. We must keep our children safe. That is non-negotiable. While I am grateful for the freedoms our constitution affords to all Americans, we all have the obligation to guarantee those freedoms to those who can't speak for themselves.

We live in a free society where we are constantly balancing our rights and responsibilities. The right to bear arms cannot be more important than our children's safety. More guards in our schools are not the answer. More guns are not the answer.

- We must ban assault weapons and the large capacity magazines that feed them

You have an opportunity to lead the way in establishing common sense parameters for sensible gun ownership. Banning assault weapons and the large capacity magazines that feed them will NOT keep law-abiding citizens from owning firearms. But it WILL make us safer and it WILL do more to prevent those prohibited by law from obtaining guns.

I ask you to do the right thing for our children.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

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