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I am a survivor of the worst public school shooting in history. I am also a victim. I saw and heard things inside Sandy Hook School on 12/14 that no one should ever have to experience in a lifetime. I do not wish to be victimized again by having to hear my own anguished voice being broadcast while making a 911 call.

Freedom of information you say? There is nothing positive to be gained by providing public access to 911 calls other than to satisfy the morbid curiosity of the media and the thrill-seekers who clamor to hear the sound of gunshots in the background of our calls. Releasing the calls would only cause more damage to our young students who might hear these recordings. Their exposure to information about 12/14 is varied: some have been very shielded from the media and others know many details. It is our moral responsibility to protect the innocence of our children. Hearing the audio recordings of 911

calls being repeatedly broadcast would only add to their trauma. With easy access to social media and news reports, it is imperative that our 911 calls remain private.

Please allow the children and adults who were present at Sandy Hook School on 12/14 to continue to heal without media interference. We do not want to be forced to relive the horrific details of that fateful day by listening to our own 911 calls on the evening news. We hesitate to appear in person at hearings because we do not want our names and lives to be exploited by the media, precipitating a major invasion of our privacy; witnesses should never be subject to intimidation. Please respect our wishes, our healing, our privacy, and our dignity by restricting the release of the audio recordings of the 911 calls made on 12/14.