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My name is Shari Burton. I am a para-educator at Sandy Hook School.

I would like to strongly voice my opposition to the release of any 911 tapes to the public. I oppose not just the tapes from 12/14 but any tapes or information that can identify victims in any shape or form.

As a caller on 12/14 I firmly believe that my call was not only my cry for help but part of my statement of the events of that day.

I have worked very hard over the last 9 plus months to get my life to some form of normal.

The traumatic events of that day will always be a part of who I am now.

The idea that I may have to relive the events of that day when the 911 tapes are released is unsettling.

It isn't fair that as a survivor I face the chance of being victimized again.

I know that friends and colleagues have already been harassed by information that is out there.

I know that by even standing here tonight I also put myself out there and I am at risk to be harassed.

If the tapes are released I will never know when I may be confronted with the sound of myself or my colleagues calling for help.

I can understand how many victims are not willing to stand up and defend what is right.

There is no purpose or reason for the 911 tapes of 12/14 to be released there is nothing to be gained, no arrest to be made, just a lot more hurt and relived heartache.