# SAMPLE LETTER NO. 2

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Dear Congressman or woman ..or Dear Senator,

Like so many Americans, I am sick, angry and frustrated that no action is being taken to protect our citizens from gun violence – just talk. Approximately 268 people are shot ***every single day.*** We need to prevent future violence to our children, teachers and innocent bystanders from criminals and mentally disturbed people.

The background check system needs to be improved and expanded to cover private sales and gun shows to insure that all prohibited purchasers are, in fact, prohibited from obtaining and possessing firearms.

Ban “assault weapons” or whatever you want to call them, along with high-capacity ammunition magazines, which have no place in civilian life.

Make gun trafficking a federal crime, with penalties for “straw purchasers”. Fund research and care for persons with mental illness, impulse disorders and substance abuse issues to prevent violence.

The gun lobby tells us that the only way to make us safer is to carry more guns. It's a lie. President Reagan and James Brady were surrounded by the U.S. Secret Service, the best-trained professionals in the world, when they were shot, as well as President Kennedy who was shot and killed.

Frankly, no one should be killed with firearms in the U.S. No one!! This is the same conversation we've had for too many years and through too many tragedies.

Enough is enough. Now is the time for change and action. Sincerely,

(Your name) number and address if you choose to include; and your affiliation with Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ if you wish, or other faith or affiliate organization of which you may be a part.