

Comments from Congressman Jim Renacci

"As a father of three children, I was heartbroken by the tragedy that occurred at Sandy Hook elementary last month. My thoughts and prayers remain with those we lost, their families and their loved ones. As we consider what actions can be taken to prevent incidents like this in the future, it is important to keep in mind that these murders were carried out by a mad man, not by our Founding Fathers or our Constitution. The common thread between this incident and others like it before is the growing mental health epidemic that is plaguing our country. How we as a nation identify and treat mental health conditions must be the top priority as we take action to address this growing threat."

"With regard to our constitutional rights, when acts of violence are carried out in the name of religion, as we witnessed on 9/11, we did not move to erase our First Amendment right to the free exercise of religion. The same standard applies to the Second Amendment, and any restrictions on our Second Amendment rights must be narrowly tailored and meet the strictest standard of scrutiny our judiciary can apply."

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