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Public Hearing Testimony:

I am against any legislation that requires gun owners to obtain insurance. This is not only unconstitutional but also increases the cost of gun ownership making it so lower income people will not be able to afford to exercise their right to own and carry a gun.

I am greatly concerned about the leadership that is driving us to further restrict gun possession. The "Right to Bear Arms" is an integral part of our constitution and is important to maintain our freedom. It is not about killing people and crime. It is about United States citizens right to protect their country, their family, and themselves from evil of all kinds. It is what makes this country great. It is about protecting our freedom and maintaining the power of the people and not the government. That is why it was put into the constitution and why it is so important to protect. It pertains more today than it ever has as the government continues to over step its powers and take away the rights of the people each time telling us they know what is best for us.

It is the duty, the obligation of our elected officials to protect our constitution. Every elected official has taken an oath and sworn to protect the constitution and must do so regardless of their personal beliefs and feelings or even those of their constituents. If the people truly believe the constitution is outdated, then change it. Create a new amendment. Don't slowly chip away our rights until nothing is left. Where does it end? What happens the next time something bad happens. Are you going to classify handguns as assault handguns and take them away until we are left with nothing but bee bee guns. **STOP CREATING LEGISLATION THAT MAKES US VICTIMS. LET US PROTECT OUR LIFE AND LIBERTY IF WE NEED TO.**

There seems to be a pattern here. Criminals/Terrorists do something horrific, take away law abiding citizen rights. It just keeps going and going and going in this pattern with no end in sight.

Any law that is created that undermines our constitutional rights will be challenged by the people. I am ashamed at the conduct of our representatives. I am disgusted that they have decided to ignore the constitution and further the agenda of anti-gun people using Sandy Hook and kids as shields.

The proposal to require gun owners to obtain insurance only further infringes on the rights to gun owners and absolutely is in direct conflict with the 2nd amendment.

What is most shocking is the blatant manner in which this type of legislation is being pushed forward. None of the proposed legislation would have prevented the recent tragedy in Sandy Hook. It is obvious that anti-gun advocates are using this tragedy to try to push through legislation that had previously been unsuccessful. There is no logical argument that connects any of the proposed legislation to the Sandy Hook tragedy. I expect our representatives to act on facts not on emotion. I expect our representatives to understand the facts, research the laws, research and understand what has been done in the past and what the success or failure was so this can be considered. It appeared at the first hearing that I was at that none of the legislators even know the laws. They were asking the police. You should be embarrassed. This is nothing but pure laziness. This is all public information and homework should have been done. How embarrassed you should be by your poor performance.

Regarding the handling of the public hearing. Why is it that Legislators, State Agency Heads, and Municipal Chiefs, and Elected Officials have first priority at the hearings. You are all here for US. You serve us. We are your customer. I am angered by the self-importance and special treatment that our officials give themselves. A obvious arrogant sense of self importance and lack of respect to the people shown at these hearings. Our opinions are THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION you should be considering. Not victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy, not other public servants, not emotional knee jerk agendas.

You are **public servant** and I expect you to start acting like it. Between all the damage that has been done by Governor Malloy and what appears to be happening here in Connecticut, I see no choice but to leave as I cannot stand what is being done here to destroy CT and the United States.

You should all be ashamed.

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