

Public Safety and Security Committee,

I am a US citizen, military veteran of 20yrs, father, husband and home owner. Now, by Governor Dan Malloy, I have been labeled the "Fringe of the Fringe". I am not a criminal but these proposals if passed into law will make me one. I am in opposition to ALL the Firearm legislation currently being proposed: **S.B. No. 299** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNICATION AMONG STATE AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS DURING ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS. (PS,PS); **S.B. No. 505** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE A RIFLE OR OTHER LONG GUN. (PS,PS); **S.B. No. 506** (COMM) AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PRIVATE FIREARM SALES. (PS,PS); **S.B. No. 710** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR GUN SHOWS. (PS,PS); **S.B. No. 897** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION OF FIREARMS. (PS); **S.B. No. 1071** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND. (PS); **S.B. No. 1076** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE. (PS); **H.B. No. 6162** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING INELIGIBILITY FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER OR AN ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE BASED ON A PRIOR HOSPITALIZATION. (PS,PS); **H.B. No. 6251** (COMM) AN ACT REQUIRING FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PRIOR TO THE SALE, DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF ALL LONG GUNS. (PS,PS); **H.B. No. 6595** (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS NEAR PRIVATE RESIDENCES. (PS); **H.B. No. 6598** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PROTECTION. (PS)

My opposition is not just to the obvious anti-gun agenda being pushed but also for the volume of proposals (11 pieces). This onslaught of legislation does not allow for any reasonable analysis and debate of the ideas being presented. It is a rush job. We don't even know all the details of the incident that has brought us to this point. Where is prudent and sound leadership?

The bills stated above contain such an over reach in government control one does not even know where to begin the discussion. Gun registrations, cumbersome licensing and burdensome financial requirements, using the power to tax abusively, intrusion into personal information, vague suitability requirements. Whose hands are you really trying to keep firearms out of?

I see nothing in the proposals that seeks to investigate possible root causes of gun violence like bullying, gang activity, career criminals or mental health issues. I see only MORE limitations to my rights, a law abiding, voting, tax payer. I guarantee you that I have become a single issue voter because of this and I will be paying attention to how you vote.

The police use semi- automatic "Personal Defense Weapons" with standard capacity magazines capable of holding 7 to 30 rounds, depending on type and caliber, for their protection. Law abiding citizens should be affording the same level of protection. We will be dealing with the criminal element BEFORE the Police show up. Would you send that officer to the scene of a crime with a magazine capacity limitation? I don't think so. I also don't think you should tell me what type of Personal Defense weapon I should have or how many bullets it takes me to defend my family. It's my family.

The current proposals just create more damage and hardship for law abiding citizens. Reality

has shown once again that new gun laws are not the solution. Finding ways to help people is.  
Thank you for your time and service.

Very Respectfully,

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