

SB 506 AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PRIVATE FIREARM SALES

I do support background checks. I don't want unstable people or criminals buying a firearm. As long as the record of these background checks is destroyed after the sale. I fear the same misuse of this data, as it presented itself in New York where names of firearm owners were put on a map with addresses and posted on the Internet for every criminal to see. And also if they can be made so that they're not overly burdening to the people trying to use the system.

HB 6598 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PROTECTION

Ask yourselves this would the outcome have changed in Newtown if one law abiding citizen was armed and in the school at the time of the shooting? In the right place at the right time I feel that a law abiding pistol permit holder could have and would have changed the outcome that tragic day.

SB 505 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE A RIFLE OR OTHER LONG GUN

Changing the minimum age to 21 is just an insult to an 18-year-old adult. What you are in effect telling them is that even though they're eligible to carry arms to defend their country. That they can't be trusted to own their own firearm to hunt with or protect themselves and family with.

In closing,

What troubles me most is that when a tragedy like this happens that the first response it to pass all kinds of misguided firearms legislation. Which time and time again has done nothing to stop or even slow down violence. And I never see proposals that will actually curb violence in fact the trend tend to be exactly the opposite.

Bills for early release programs, bills to cut back mental health spending. Bills to repeal the death penalty. All of which have the potential to increase violence by not protecting society from dangerous individuals.

This is where meaningful legislation should start we need to actually enforce the laws already on the books, bring back truth in sentencing, hold people accountable for their actions.

Next we need laws to ensure that our citizens that have mental health issues receive the help that they need.

We haven't even started with the economic impact of some of this legislation. I work in a factory with over 600 employees. We only make firearms how are you going to explain to them that they have to find another job in this economy, what about the unemployment benefits for all these people, This is just one company what about the others, the vendors for these companies, the stores that sell firearms. These bills will impact 10s of thousand Connecticut residents.

Thank you again for your time to hear my opinion on these matters.

Members of the public safety and security committee, Thank you for the opportunity to speak today on the matter of our society's violence as it affects firearm ownership.

First my name is Art Daigle. I am certainly saddened by the tragedy in Newton. My heart and prayers go out to all the victims and their families. I am a firearms enthusiast. I served In the Ct Army National Guard as a small arms repairman. Currently work as a product development engineer at Colt Defense. It was my enjoyment of the shooting sports that brought about both careers.

SB 1076 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE

This is a ban on modern sporting rifles. What is an assault rifle? From the bill I have read the characteristics used to deem a firearm an assault weapon are irrelevant to that firearms ability to be misused. A bayonet lug as purposed in the previous assault weapons ban has no effect on the functionality of the firearm. Nor does a pistol grip, heat shields or for that matter a flash hider. These are cosmetics; a flash hider may reduce the visible signature of the firearms discharge. This is negligible compared to the 120+ decibel sound signature. If you take away all the things that are purely cosmetic you in fact have a firearm that functions no differently than any other semiautomatic sporting firearm.

Magazine capacity limits. I feel that I should be equally armed should I have to defend myself, and since the laws only pertain to people that don't break the law I'm going to bet that some one that wants to do harm to myself and family is not going to turn in his 10 plus round magazines so I feel that I should be able to keep mine. The argument could be attempted that with training one shot should be enough, What happens when there are multiple assailants and it is conceivable if not likely that in the stress of the situation that even the best trained shooter may not be able to incapacitate the assailant without the capability of multiple shots, How many that is? I cannot answer as each situation would present its self differently. Myself I'd rather be alive and have bullets left over than find out that 10 rounds was 1 round to little, leaving my wife without a husband and my son without a father.

The yearly registration requirements provisions to the purposed bill are a clear violation of 18 U.S.C. 926 prohibiting states from requiring registration of firearms.

SB 1071 AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND

Charging a licensing fee and a tax per unit for each firearm manufactured would be devastating to the industry. The company that I work for manufactures firearms for the military and law enforcement. These fees would have to be absorbed by our customers. In a competitive bid environment a price increase of even 1 dollar per unit could very well mean losing a contract to a company not bound by these restrictions.