

To the Public Safety and Security Committee:

I am here to testify strongly against SB505, SB506, SB1071, HB6251, HB6595, HB6598. None of those bills will, in any way, improve the safety or security of the people of CT.

Pertaining to SB1076 what can I say. I had a couple lawyers go over that one for me to make sure what I was reading was a proper interpretation. I have to admit, I felt sickened to think an American legislator sworn to uphold certain oaths even proposed this piece of draconian garbage. Three minutes isn't enough time to begin to address something intended to apparently to destroy this state and perhaps ignite a war with those that cannot or will not flee.

So I'm going to speak plainly. What are we doing wasting time here? Why haven't most of us slept much in the past few months? Why are thousands of patriots coming here giving up multiple work days to stand shoulder to shoulder on 1/28, this past Monday, and today to rally against these proposed bills dealing with more restrictions on various firearms/magazines/permits and other unrelated nonsense? Why is Malloy screaming to ACT NOW and SOON like a petty little tyrant? Lanza is dead. What's the emergency exactly? Why did Malloy throw you and his own panels under the bus and propose Obama's dream list of gun control? Because he knows that fear burns quickly, intelligent decisions take cool heads and time.

The murders in Newtown were great marketing for those that already had an agenda. Those of you that seek to exploit this tragedy should be ashamed, not just as failed legislators but as failed human beings. There's something broken inside such vultures. It's revolting. However, those of you that seek to understand this tragedy and really want to prevent another one I commend you for prevailing against what must be enormous pressure.

An old friend of mine who was a homicide detective told me once that every single murder is a like a book. There's a beginning, a middle, and an end. But unlike a book, we have to start at the last page and work backwards. It takes time to read the whole thing, and even more time to really understand it. A homicide

investigation is not something to be rushed to meet some politician's aspirations for D.C.

We only know the last page of this book. We know how he killed those poor kids, the teachers, and his mother. That's it. 1% of the puzzle. We don't know the middle of the story and we sure as Hell don't know the first few pages that are so critical. The possible root causes are there for us to find.

And yet, knowing nothing, running on fear, we're here again today to address actual bills proposed to enact protections from that which we don't even understand yet. Don't you see how insane this is? Do you care?

While you're focused on the last page of a book proposing asinine legislation like SB1076 banning plastic pistol grips and certain fear inspired cosmetic pieces do you know what's happening? Let me tell you.

There are another 10 more Lanzas out there right now writing their own books of destruction, planning to take as many of us with them as they can. Even if you could wave a magic wand and remove all the guns from the world do you really think those 10 other killers would be even slowed down in re-writing their last page? If the next Lanza incinerates a daycare, then what? More restrictions?

You're approaching this problem backwards by proposing these bills. Certain firearms, magazines, and permits are not the issue here.

Let Connecticut be right for a change. Don't follow New York blindly down the same path of legislative waste and more useless laws. Let us all work together to figure out what is causing these acts no matter how long it takes. That's what our children deserve and you know it.

Otherwise we're going to vote you out and put someone in your place who will find the answers. And we have more than enough numbers to do it this time.

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