

**Testimony for Public Hearing
Public Safety and Security Committee
March 14, 2013**

Good day, members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. My name is Daniel J. Cewe, Jr. and I'm a resident of Glastonbury. I'm concerned that my ability to defend myself is in jeopardy. I own and carry firearms to protect myself, my family, and to keep the business that my family operates a safe place.

I'm here to express my opposition to all of the proposed gun-control legislation.

The governor and other gun-control advocates are complaining that it is taking too long to pass this legislation. I believe the reason for that is the more time that is spent reviewing the situation is causing people to think instead of working on pure emotion. We need logical, thoughtful laws. We do not need laws written in haste and driven by emotion.

I understand that people want something to be done to stop terrible crimes like the one in Newtown, but but history shows that the legislation that requires registration and banning of firearms has not worked to stop crime. It has only worked to keep firearms out of the hands of the citizens who need them. The citizens of our state deserve better.

SB505 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE A RIFLE OR OTHER LONG GUN.

An individual is legally able to vote, serve in the military, and be held responsible for their own actions at the age of eighteen (18), and there is no reason this age should not apply to the purchase and possession of firearms.

SB710 AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR GUN SHOWS.

This only makes it difficult for people to do business in our state. Don't we have enough laws to chase commerce away?

SB1071 AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND.

This bill will make firearms more expensive to manufacture in Connecticut and may very well drive much needed business out of our state. It will also make them more expensive for the consumer and will make firearm ownership less accessible to lower-income households. Don't they have it hard enough already without being forced to be defenseless?

SB1076 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE.

This bill does nothing to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals. The only thing this bill does is create arbitrary limitations on features of personal defense weapons and pile unnecessary fees on the owners of firearms. This bill is absolutely disgraceful.

HB6162 AN ACT CONCERNING INELIGIBILITY FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER OR AN ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE BASED ON A PRIOR HOSPITALIZATION.

Just because a person lives in a house with someone who is not able to possess firearms should not preclude them from possessing a firearm in order to defend themselves. Firearms can be made inaccessible through the use of a safe, trigger lock, or other means.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Cewe, Jr.