

14 March 2013

To the members of the Public Safety Committee.

First let me state my vehement opposition to SB505, SB506,SB710,SB1071,and SB1076.

I sit before you a father, a veteran, a law abiding citizen, union member and all around average person. Let me assure this committee I'm not "the fringe of the fringe". I used to be apolitical and just wanted to be left alone to live my little life and raise my family in peace. Those of you and Gov. Malloy who have put forth this unconstitutional anti self protection agenda should know you have turned me into an activist who at every turn will try to subvert your attempts to lessen my ability to defend my family.

I along with most people was shocked at the massacre in Newtown. The events following Newtown that have served to further shock me and fuel my disdain for this body is a government that took this massacre and turned it into an opportunity. The media that immortalized a mad man then demonized me for having an AR15. Politicians that say "I'm for the right to keep and bear arms" and in the next sentence say how they will infringe on that right. Also the government introducing bills on the premise of preventing a school shooting but in reality do nothing to stop a thing. Worst of all, attempting to enact legislation before the CSP report is even out.

The bill of rights is not a bill of needs do not profess to tell me what I need to defend my family. I fully support increased penalties for gun crime. This is my line in the sand. I will accept no more lies and exaggerations on what my future behavior will be. I swore an oath to this country and the constitution,that oath had no expiration date. Those of you who vote for these bills please tender our resignation for your inability to live up to the oath you took.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Cyr", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Cyr
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