

Public Safety and Security Committee 3/14/13 – Testimony

Honorable members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, my name is Robin Emond from the town of Cheshire-

For starters, I am opposed to all proposed legislation that is in front of us today-SB299, SB505, SB506, SB710, SB897, SB1071, SB1076 which is the basic formation of communism, HB6162, HB6251, HB6595, HB6598.

Let me just say- I am totally disgusted over the fact that law abiding citizens have had to come here on numerous occasions, losing their means of survival in this over burdensome state, to demand that you the elected body do not infringe on our Constitutional Rights

This state is on the verge of financial collapse, people are losing their jobs, their homes their retirement, everything that they have worked so hard for and Why I ask?? Why- because instead of fixing the financial problems you, our elected officials have chosen to exploit a tragedy to push an agenda that has been a long time in the making.

This state has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. These laws did not stop the tragedy in Newtown and none of the proposals ahead of us here today would have either.

By adding any new regulations or restrictions you will be adding to the financial burdens on the people of all income levels. While the higher wage earners will be able to exercise their rights, the every lowering middle class and low income earners will be stripped of their Equal Rights to the 2nd Amendment. Which is blatantly discriminating? Leaving those that can't afford to defend themselves victims not only at the hands of criminals but at the hands of Bureaucrats. You will also be taking away our choice of arms and capacity which is not the government's job to tell us what is suitable for our needs – we know what is suitable for our needs.

Restrict and Regulate are key words in this unprecedented debate .Do you all remember or should I say care that you put your hand on the Bible and took your Oath? The Preamble to the Bill of Rights is often overlooked, well I will remind you here today what it says and I ask you all to listen very closely-

The Conventions of a number of States having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added. And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution...

I believe you all know what the 2nd Amendment says and it is very clear what is stated, as well as our Connecticut Constitution which is even more defined.

I was told by a legislator on Monday that we have to pass something. Why??

We don't even have the toxicology reports or the investigative report.

These proposals will not bring back lives lost or even prevent future tragedies like the Newtown tragedy. There is no criminal to prosecute.

These knee-jerk proposals will only make more law abiding citizens victims

Please keep this in your mind-as I know that most politicians look at votes not people.

I have also taken an oath that I take very seriously- I live my Oath and

I pledge that I will do everything in my power to ensure that ANY legislator that votes for ANY of these proposals be voted out of office, regardless of party.