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I am a public school employee, a Democrat, and an NRA member.

I WILL NOT be punished or taxed for the poor judgment and irresponsibility of Nancy Lanza.

Senate bills, 505 506 897 1071 1076 and House bills, 6251 6598 Will have NO positive impact on this state, or gun violence; nor would they have prevented Newtown. These proposals will un-fairly restrict the rights of hundreds of thousands of Connecticut residents; Gun/Sportsman's clubs and one of the state's most successful businesses as well as thousands of visitors who come to our state to hunt and shoot with family and friends each year.

I realize many of your constituents are calling for "commonsense gun control laws". I am simply calling for commonsense. It is not possible to Legislate responsibility, and restricting the rights of responsible gun owners will not make any one safer.

People have blamed television, video games, mental illness, firearms, the National Rifle Association and just about anything else that has some kind of tie to guns OR violence. The truth of the matter is Nancy Lanza could have prevented this tragedy with a gun safe. She was willing to spend thousands of dollars on firearms and ammunition but she couldn't be bothered to spend a few hundred on a gun cabinet easily found on Craigslist. She knew her son was troubled, yet SHE made the decision to allow him to have un-restricted access to HER weapons. No law would have prevented her poor judgment. Twenty six lives were ripped from this world because one woman made a reckless, tragic decision.

You CANNOT hold the firearm manufactures or the hundreds of thousands of law abiding gun owners in Connecticut accountable for the acts of one irresponsible person. This feel good Legislation will not make the citizens of this state safer,