

As a citizen of Connecticut, I wish to urge the Public Safety Committee to act in a sane and responsible manner and pass strong legislation on gun safety measures. The current proposed bills are inadequate.

It is crucial that a total ban on assault style weapons be included in the legislation. Such a ban can include a payback option for those current gun owners of assault weapons so that these weapons are totally removed from the public domain.

In addition, a ban on high capacity gun magazines must be included in legislation. This ban must be retroactive as there are gun owners who have purchased magazines in huge quantities since the murders at Sandy Hook.

Universal background checks on all gun purchases made at any venue must be included in serious gun prevention legislation. There must be annual renewal on registration of all guns and a limit on handgun purchases to one a month.

If all of these components are not included in gun violence prevention legislation, the resulting law will be inadequate to meet the purpose of the legislation as well as inadequate to address the threat of gun violence in our current culture.

I urge the committee to act swiftly, responsibly and with integrity to protect the safety of us all and to place Connecticut in the forefront of states, creating legislation that both protects the realistic meaning of the Second Amendment and the lives of all its citizens.

Thank you.

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