

I would like to testify at the Public Safety hearing on gun legislation on Thursday, March 14 as follows:

My name is Marc Warren and I am a resident of Simsbury, CT. I have been a resident of Connecticut for the past 28 years and am very proud of the fact I live in one of the most progressive states in the nation. However, I believe that stronger and more comprehensive gun violence prevention legislation is now long overdue.

I am strongly in support of a ban on military-style assault weapons, including semi-automatic weapons capable of accepting detachable magazines and having any military features. The exception would be for sales to those in law enforcement, corrections and the military and navy to perform their official duties.

I am strongly in support of a ban on large capacity magazines capable of handling greater than 10 rounds. Those in possession of magazines with a capacity greater than 10 rounds should be required to sell them out of state, turn them over to law enforcement or permanently modify them to no longer be capable of holding more than 10 rounds.

I am strongly in support of expanding safe storage laws that call for strict liability for negligence by their owners and the prohibition of firearms by those under 16.

I am strongly in support of universal background checks on all sales and transfers of firearms, including private sales.

I am strongly in support of a requirement for the annual registration of all handguns with fees on initial registration and renewal to offset the expense of the registration and record-keeping process.

I am strongly in support of requiring a permit to purchase and carry all guns, including long guns, and to purchase ammunition.

I am strongly in support of limiting handgun sales to one per month.

Meaningful legislative action is long overdue. We must strive to do everything we can to make this as civilized and safe a state as possible. We simply cannot afford to do anything less.

Sincerely,

Marc Warren