

Good morning,

My name is Makinie S. and I attend Central Connecticut State University. I am a member of the Riflery and Marksmanship club. I have never been a gun owner, but I have always been a law-abiding citizen who supports our 2nd Amendment in our Constitution. It's as important to me as the 1st or 14th Amendment. I recently sent an email to Governor Cuomo regarding his gun legislation which restricts citizens AND law enforcement.

S.B. No. 1076 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE is the reason why I am contacting you today.

I just want to remind you of the statistics of occurrences of violence in states with strict gun control in comparison to states without it. For instance, consider Detroit and Chicago in comparison to Vermont and Texas. We all know that Chicago has an average of 500 gun related murders a year, but the most stringent gun control in the nation. Not one gun shop is in Chicago, and permits are illegal there. How do these murders occur?

Criminals do not obey the law.

Criminals smuggle, steal, and kill. It is law enforcement's job to catch and punish criminals, not a lawyer's job to limit ME.

I am a black female who has never committed a crime, and lives alone here in Connecticut. I deserve the right to protect myself with whichever gun I choose. Restricting me from access will not stop a criminal from obtaining a weapon through the black market. It will encourage them to harm defenseless people like me.

Please consider restricting criminals by giving harsher punishment. I suggest the death penalty, but if that is too harsh then try 15-20 with no parole for obtaining a gun illegally or 20-life with no parole for using an illegally possessed gun in a crime.

I guarantee that will scare people straight.

Thank you, and I hope you reconsider this act because if you are really concerned about gun violence, then you would find a way to restrict criminals, not me.

-Makinie S.