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To: The Gun Violence Prevention Work Group

I've written the following letter to enlighten you and other elected officials regarding the proposed restrictive bans on firearms, magazines, ammunition and related accessories.

Governor Dannel Malloy's approach to a crisis intervention is to lay blame on the law-abiding citizens by demonizing and criminalizing firearms owners, making us accountable for the sins of others namely the mentally disturbed, criminally insane and habitual lawbreakers many of which are released into society by very same judges and flawed penal systems we have in place today.

Lawmakers passing more restrictive firearms laws will do nothing to protect the very same people they are charged with protecting. Feel good, knee jerk reactionary legislation doesn't work period.

As sensible lawmakers you must effectively enforce the sum total of twenty two thousand firearms laws that are in place in this country today. We don't need more laws we need enforcement of existing laws now and the support of the courts to exact the proper punishment on the criminals who break them. You must charge the courts to carrying out the letter of the law as written and not offer leniency for habitual criminals on the proverbial court merry-go-round.

Jails have become the new mental health institutions in a de-facto way they are now the babysitters of the sick, mentally ill and emotionally disturbed that have been forced out of state run facilities without regard for their safety or for the matter the safety of the general public.

The state of Connecticut created this problem like so many others states that have followed suit, it will only get worse. And your answer is to take away my rights and my means of self-defense or to protect my family and property form the very same criminals you let loose on the streets every day.

You're going to decide what I can personally use to defend life and limb along with a limit on ammunition and types of weapons I can own what is the sole basis of all this I will tell you what it is. It's an agenda by Governor Malloy and the State of Connecticut to disarm us to make us citizens compliant to a police state. This is his and many others vision of the utopian world well good luck with that and all the other schemes that are being concocted I will not be party to it and neither should you.

In the case of the mentally disturbed criminal Adam Lanza my question to you is where were the support mechanisms for him and his mother Mr. Governor. The system that we have in place is completely broken and full of flaws the Newtown school system failed along with any counselors he may have had, the town, the state and even his parents failed to provide the proper help and guidance to avert the tragedy that took place in Newtown Connecticut.

The anti-gun crowd gets to decide my fate and that of others the right granted to all law-abiding citizens under the 2nd Amendment I don't think so. It seems today they are all experts in the field of firearms and crime prevention perhaps they should look at themselves and ask what they should have done differently to prevent one of their own from committing a crime of this nature they all have the solutions after the fact and none of them will work.

Vice President Joe Biden acknowledged that new gun laws would not change the likelihood of another mass shooting.

Please beware of any government or media that exploits a tragedy or crisis and knowingly misleads the people in an attempt to disarm them, prevents law-abiding citizens from protecting themselves. The purpose of the Constitution is to limit government and to protect the God given right of each man and woman to protect their own life, property and the defense of this nation. The politicians and police are bound and sworn to protect the U. S Constitution they must uphold it as written.

I don't want to be to become an instant criminal by a stroke of a pen by the passing of bad laws that will punish me and others who follow the laws just so you can appease a group of misguided fools.

The following is a quote from Cato Institute Police Analyst Diane Cecilia Weber

The mindset of the soldier is simply not appropriate for the civilian police officer. Police officers confront not an "enemy " but individuals who are protected by the bill of rights. Confusing the police function with the military function can lead to dangerous and unintended consequences such as unnecessary shootings and killings.

Adolf Hitler wrote the most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to allow the subject races to possess arms. History shows that all conquerors who have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by doing so.

What's disturbing to me is the that leading doctors and psychologists can't all agree that violent video games and violent Hollywood movies being turned out today have any cause and effect on these disturbed individuals, yet television commercials like the Marlboro Cigarette Man and the Budweiser Frogs had to be legislated off television for "THE CHILDREN "because they might cause the very same children to ride a horse, smoke a cigarette and drink a beer.

Forcing firearm owners to carry liability insurance is just plain absurd, let's force the same kind of liability insurance on Hollywood so when someone emulates one of their violent movies they can be held accountable for the carnage they have caused and for that matter the violent video game industry. Where's the outrage at the enablers I'm talking about the parents who allow their children to view this mind garbage, where's the outrage from these very same parents who give their children high powered killing machines comely known as the modern automobile and the distractions they are allowed to use while driving down our roadways every day, it's called a cell phone, texting and emailing away their lives and the misfortunate victims who are killed every day by them. Just look at the national figures and the death tolls caused cell phone use and distracted drivers the very same children you're trying to protect are committing these crimes.

Gun violence accounts for a lot less deaths then the so called experts are willing admit to. So before any new legislation is adopted please do your homework and seek out the true facts from the real experts don't give into the hype and lies the biased media spreads everyday as the gospel.

I want to thank you for taking the time to read this, with the hope that it will help guide you. Feel free to share this letter, with fellow Senators and Legislators please come to a logical solution without depriving us our rights and the means to enjoy the shooting sports so many Americans participate in.

Sincerely,

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