

My name is Patrick Lacy. I live in East Haddam, CT. I am a father, friend, neighbor, and concerned community member. I am a business owner. I am the president of Moodus Sipple Hill Estates where I live. I am a volunteer in my community. Over the years I have given countless hours to the scouting program, East Haddam Moodus Little League and a number other community building efforts. I have two sons. One is a United States Marine, and the other on his way to becoming an educator. I have always hoped my efforts made a difference. I continue to give to my community now, although on a different level. I do not share this with you to boast. Nor do I share it because I think I'm special. My hope is for you to see that I am not the "fringe of the fringe" as governor Malloy would have you believe.

I am not here today to oppose any specific piece of legislation. I adamantly oppose ALL firearms restricting legislation that is being proposed. I am here today to insist we bring some common sense into the equation. We have large number of proposals on the table including a 59 page monstrosity, S-1076. These proposals will certainly have a serious impact on the sport we are very passionate about AND an entire industry! Where did we get the information or the facts to decide these measures? It's my understanding the final report of the tragedy that brought us to this point won't be ready until July, if then. Not to mention this report will be generated by the state, the very entity that is trying to restrict our firearms freedoms. I don't feel very comfortable about that.

If we have learned anything from history it is that governments take away peoples rights. They do it little by little. They gradually chip away at the rights of the people, just like we are seeing today throughout our country. Our leaders suggest that it's for your own good. We know what's best for you, they tell us. As if someone else knows what's best for me.

This legislation can not do anything to stop or limit the crime that has brought us to this point. So why are we proposing these measures? It brings us one step closer to disarming the citizens. This is the end game. The ruling class has then eliminated the potential of resistance from the people. Then they can do anything they want. What typically follows is genocide and slavery. This has been happening throughout civilization. Yes, we are awake.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with this; I have always lived my life through the belief in natural law. This also suggests that my rights were bestowed upon me by my creator not allowed by any government; local, state or federal. Over the years I have agreed to be governed, however that agreement is becoming very tenuous at this point. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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