

March 14, 2012

LETTER IN OPPOSITION to HB-6151

Public Safety and Security Committee
Connecticut General Assembly
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: HB-6151 AN ACT REQUIRING FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PRIOR TO THE SALE, DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF ALL LONG GUNS

Chairman Dargan, Distinguished Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

I urge you to OPPOSE HB-6151 AN ACT REQUIRING FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PRIOR TO THE SALE, DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF ALL LONG GUNS

I strongly oppose to this proposed new law for 4 simple reasons.

1. This is an outright violation of the second amendment to the constitution of the United States. A constitution you swore to obey and defend. **DO IT.**
2. This proposed law is treating every law abiding citizen as a criminal. **NO CRIMINAL WILL ADHERE TO THIS LAW.** Long guns are seldom utilized to commit crime.
3. **NOTHING** in this proposed law will deter nor reduce crime/violence.
4. The only people affected by **ALL** these new proposed laws are **LAW ABIDING CITIZENS.**

In case you have not read it here it is again:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

What part of "SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED" do you not understand? If you don't know, please contact me and I'll explain it to you.

In 2008 and 2010, the Court issued two landmark decisions to officially establish an "individual rights" interpretation of the Second Amendment. In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the Court ruled that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm, unconnected to service in a militia and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home within many longstanding prohibitions and restrictions on firearms possession listed by the Court as being consistent with the Second Amendment. In *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 3025 (2010), the Court ruled that the Second Amendment limits state and local governments to the same extent that it limits the federal government.

Instead of trying to take guns away from law abiding citizens, come up with a plan that would take them away from criminals. Don't turn law abiding citizens into criminals.

We already have enough laws in the books. **ENFORCE THEM.**

Sincerely,

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