

Public Safety Committee:

I send my entire family into schools Monday through Friday. I have two children that attend school in North Haven and my wife is a teacher in a school only miles from Sandy Hook Elementary School. Their safety is my number one priority. While I cannot protect them in these places I can and will protect them in my home and outside of my home. I am their first responder period. Law enforcement is just that law enforcement; in many court cases it has been proved they are not obligated to protect civilians.

A magazine and certain weapons bans will not keep me any safer. In fact it could possibly leave me with not enough to defend myself. A recent example happened with the man that was killed by the Norwich police. The Hartford Courant and Fox News reported that police fired 41 rounds, striking the man 6 times. That says these highly trained professionals hit their target only 15% of the time. That also implies that, given a 10 round magazine, at best we could only expect to hit our target 1.5 times. These are shots fired at one individual. Most home invasions are committed by more than one person. I should not be limited in my abilities to protect my love ones. Will Governor Malloy's security detail be limited also? No they will not be. His safety is NO more important than my own. Will law enforcement be equipped and restricted as well? NO they wouldn't be. We are all equal and deserve the same protection granted to us by the constitution.

Legal firearms owners should not be the concern of this committee nor should we be prosecuted for Adam Lanza's actions. We are not criminals and anything you dream up the criminals will still not follow. The focus of this committee should be to find a better way to prosecute those who ignore the law and hurt others in our society. The proposed laws to restrict firearms in Connecticut will only lead to making current owner's criminals. These new laws will not stop those who wish to infringe on the safety of others. I would support proposals that do not put further restrictions, of any kind on legal firearms owners, or infringe on the United States Constitution.

In my opinion, our justice system is failing more than the current state firearm laws. We need to do away with plea bargains and reduced jail time. We need a set level of justice that gives mandatory incarceration time for set crimes. If more prisons need to be built to accommodate this action so be it. We also need to bring back and use the death penalty. I truly believe in an eye for an eye. Since the state of Connecticut likes to lead the way this is how the death penalty should be used. You get one trial if you are found guilty you get one appeal within one year. If you lose this appeal you are executed within five days.

WFSB reported last week that a man attempted to kidnap a girl last week in Hartford. This individual had at least 26 arrests and that's only in Hartford. You tell me what's wrong here. That is a major fail. Good thing she was able to get help.

We were all touched by the tragedy in Newtown, but we cannot solve any problems with knee jerk reactions and unjustified legislation to such a tragedy. You should also not be influenced by a community that is in mourning as our state has more than one town. Remember you are in a position to represent ALL residents of Connecticut. An uneducated decision does not need to be made because the United States is watching us. Newtown residents have put you on notice that they will be watching your vote but be aware they are not the only ones that will be watching.

News Sources: [Hartford Courant](#)  
[Fox News](#)  
[WFSB](#)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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