

Senators and Representatives,

I am writing to you today to make sure you will be upholding your oath to defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Connecticut. As you know, all of the bills put forward limiting magazines, classifying weapons based on cosmetics and the excessive taxing of ammunition are unconstitutional. I know I do not need to remind you of this and the overwhelming opposition to ANYTHING infringing on our second amendment right. Please remember we elected you to be the voice of the people and NOT the voice of the liberal progressive agenda from Washington. Perhaps if honorable men and women such as you would uphold and enforce the current laws in our State we would not be talking about making law abiding citizens like me a criminal.

I am a lifetime member of the NRA, my family and I have served our Country and Community as members of the Military and the Fire Service. Our traditions of service go back many generations as do the sacrifices made to keep us a free people.

We believe that you and the rest of our legislators are horrendously misinformed on the second amendment and modern semi-automatic rifles. I am sure that as an educated person you know the difference and are merely following your conscience on this issue. Unfortunately your oath does not allow you to consider those emotions when voting the will of the people who elected you.

High capacity magazine and modern semi-automatic rifles are NOT for hunting. They are used to protect me and my family from criminal violence and the tyranny of government. The founding fathers wanted the citizens armed in the event it was necessary to defend their rights from a tyrannical government. I urge you to read the second amendment and the writing of Jefferson and Franklin so you will truly understand their intent. Please don't tell me that modern governments exhibit no such tendencies today. All I will need to do is remind you of Wounded Knee, Nazi Germany, Cambodia, Iraq and Syria...shall I go on?

Again, we all weep for the children of Newtown and there is nothing you or I can do to bring them back, but what the CT Legislature is proposing does a disservice to their memory and will DO NOTHING to prevent a reoccurrence of this in the future. I believe Vice President Biden and Senator Murphy are in agreement with me on this one.

I truly hope that I will never need 20 or 30 rounds of ammunition to defend my wife and children but I cannot and will not stand by while you legislate away my rights as a law abiding citizen.

Thank you

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