

Dear Legislative Committee,

Please listen to me carefully. There is nothing any of us can do to ease the suffering for the loss we suffered as a state and as a nation in Newtown this past December. What we can do is decide how we want to live as we move forward since that horrific day. I am not naive. I realize the gun lobby is very wealthy and very politically powerful. They may be threatening Connecticut jobs if legislation moves forward.

Didn't we begin our nation under similar condions? An oppressive King who wanted us to pay a tax on tea? Didn't we spite the most powerful nation at the time?

I have read and reread the 2nd amendment many times. There is no mention of "me or my" rights. What there is mention of is "we" the "people" and our community.

Is the status quo enough for us? Are we saying we can tolerate nothing? While gun owners talk about protecting their rights who is protecting the rights of the innocent slain dead at Newtown, Aurora, Virginia Tech. I guess it's people like me. Those lives were more valuable, more important than any gun could be to me.

Please support a ban on assault style rifles, high capacity magazines. Please create legislation for mandatory background checks, and gun trafficking. If the gun community is who they claim to be, these changes should have zero effect on legitimate gun owners.

Selling guns is big business, big money and a big problem. Are you aware that gun manufacturers and gun retailers cannot be sued under federal law. As a physician who has dedicated myself to saving lives I find this extremely ironic. It may be true that in America money can buy you anything. The question is... Is Connecticut for sale?

I urge you to consider the "we" and what is in the best interest of all Connecticut citizens. I hope you choose the people over "lawyers, guns, and money."

Sincerely,

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