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SB 1076

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE

Public Safety and Security Committee

Public Hearing – Thursday, March 14, 2013

10:00 AM in Room 2C of the LOB

By Eastern Connecticut State University College Democrats

SB 1076 makes an appropriation to enact various initiatives to reduce gun violence in this state including expanding the definition of assault weapon, requiring a rifle permit for the purchase of a long gun, requiring registration of firearms, establishing a gun offender registry, regulating the sale of ammunition and eliminating the bulk purchase of firearms. In the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, the College Democrats of Connecticut are advocating for these strict gun control measures.

Eastern Connecticut State University is deeply saddened by the events that happened on December 14 and particularly mourned the loss of Victoria Soto, a 2008 alum and teacher at Sandy Hook Elementary School who was shot and killed by a gun that was not even considered as an assault weapon. Recently the Eastern Connecticut State University community came together to honor her life that was tragically cut short by forces that we have the power to change.

This bill acts as a response to President Obama's call to action as well as the community's answer to gun violence. Soto's heroic efforts could not have stopped the ammunition that was unleashed on the Newtown school that day, but now we have the opportunity to prevent another event like this from ever happening again. We urge you to pass this gun violence prevention legislation that will set an example for future proposals across the nation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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