

Public Safety Committee Members:

I cannot attend the Hearing on the 3rd month commemoration of the Sandy Hook slaughter of 20 babies and 6 teachers. We have waited for you to act and it is getting embarrassing, quite frankly, that other states are far ahead of us in taking reasonable action to prevent gun violence. We need you to vote no later than next week-the sooner the better with the strongest laws.

This is what I support and expect from you:

1. Add to the list of banned military style assault weapons as listed by model number and name, OR if not listed, are semi-automatic weapons capable of accepting detachable magazines and have any military features. Individuals who currently possess them should have to register them by Oct 1. Future purchases and sales are outlawed. There are exemptions for law enforcement, corrections personnel and military personnel discharging their official duties (more than 2/3 of CT citizens support this-Quin. Poll);
2. A ban on large capacity magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds. Individuals in possession of magazines with a capacity greater than ten rounds should have until 10/1/2013 to sell out of state, turn over to law enforcement or permanently modify to no longer be capable of holding more than ten rounds (over 2/3 of CT citizens support this-Quin. Poll);
3. Expanding safe storage laws that now call for strict liability if owners are negligent in prohibiting access to firearms by MINORS UNDER 16. Existing statute should be amended to encompass all individuals ineligible to own a firearm (76% of CT citizens support this);
4. Requiring universal background checks on all sales and transfers including private sales (93% of CT citizens support this).

Also please pass legislation that:

5. Requires registration of all handguns with annual renewal, including updated background check; stipulation that all handguns are still in the possession of original purchaser or transferee; explanation for any handgun not being in their possession. Require safety inspection every three years. Fee on initial registration and renewal to mitigate expense (72% of CT citizens).
6. Requires a permit to purchase and carry ALL guns, including long guns, and to purchase ammunition (85% of CT citizens).
7. Limits handgun sales to one gun/month (64% of CT citizens).

Thank-you for reading my request.

Sincerely,

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