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Honorable Legislators,

We are all trying to understand how something like Sandy Hook could happen, and we can't begin to know the suffering that the victims loved ones are going through, but I think it is a shame that things have gotten so blown out of proportion, that law abiding citizens are being made to feel like criminals just because they own guns. These proposed bills are not about "gun violence", they are about "gun control"! I for one, will not stand silent anymore! Not one proposal would have changed anything that took place in that school. Sandy Hook happened because a mentally ill person had "hennas" thoughts and decided to act upon them.

Connecticut is called: "The Constitution State" and our constitution states that "every person has the right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state!" It says nothing about registering guns, or magazine size, or eligibility certificates, or per month purchase limits! If you want to change the wording in the Constitution, there is something called "due process". Governor Malloy in his pompous arrogance calls the pro-gun citizens that attended sessions on Monday "The fringe of the fringe!" His attitude of "acting like a child stamping his feet" when he doesn't get his way is quite unbecoming to the office he holds. He forgets that he works for us; we are not his "subjects!"

Your proposals want to "limit magazine size to 10 rounds!" If you did some research you would find that firing 30 rounds of ammo out of one magazine takes basically the same amount of time as firing 10 rounds of ammo out of three magazines. We are talking about tenths of a second here. You want to "ban evil looking semi auto guns!" Michael Skakel bashed in 15 year old Martha Moxley's head with an "evil looking golf club", should we ban golf clubs too? Of course not, that would be silly! These are all just "tools" which can be used for good or evil. Let's have a little common sense here!

Less than 1% of law abiding citizens commit crimes with guns! The crimes are committed mostly by drug related criminals and people with mental health issues! Do you think it's time to start enforcing the laws on the books and maybe getting the people with mental health issues more help, instead of letting them fall through the cracks?

Ask yourselves this question: Is crime up or down in America? You say: "guns are responsible for the crime increases" correct? Did you know that a recently released survey on gun ownership, called the "General Social Survey" states that "gun ownership in homes over the past 40 plus years has actually gone down! It's gone from 50% in the 70's steadily down to 34% now! That's a 16% drop! So much for your theory!

We all want the same thing here, to protect our loved ones. Universal background checks are sensible. I think most gun owners would agree with that. Our police responded gallantly at Sandy Hook but we cannot expect them to get to an emergency in 30 seconds! I'm all for an armed guard and metal detectors in every school! You all have a very nice system protecting yourselves here at the capitol, shouldn't are children have the same? As far as our homes go, the police are actually "second responders", "we" are the "first responders!" I must, and will, protect my home and loved ones until the police get there, and should not be told what weapons I can use to do it!

Look back at the gun ban we already have. It doesn't work! Let's learn from the past.

Respectfully,

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