

As promised, here is the testimony I offered yesterday:

As yet, nobody seems to have been able to define so-called “assault rifles” in terms of unique functionality or effect. And yet, people who are uninformed and misguided try to “define” these firearms in terms of appearance, “style,” or other irrelevant and subjective features.

Using arbitrary, capricious, and subjective criteria to create a list of firearms to ban is like giving gun haters a blank check. Once such a list is established, what is to keep them from deciding that they don’t like the looks of other firearms and, in the name of “closing loopholes,” adding to the list at will? In effect, ban lists are endless and play into the hands of those who would ban all firearms. Bans are not only arbitrary and capricious, they are harmful to innocent gun owners and legitimate businesses, they distract us from addressing the real issues we need to work on, and they are ultimately unenforceable and ineffective. For example, on December 15, 2012, a madman got into a school and successfully attacked 23 children according to *The New York Times*. That occurred in China and the attacker used a meat cleaver to chop up those kids! Where there is a will there is a way and the criminally inclined will find it regardless of equipment restrictions.

I believe that gun ban lists are a hoax – and must not be allowed into law.

I do not believe that any of the hardware control proposals before us would have prevented or attenuated what happened at Sandy Hook or elsewhere. Not one!

I look to you to represent us and to lead us. When your constituents are uninformed and hysterically wracked with grief, it is not the time to represent them by immortalizing their irrationality in the form of bad laws.

Now is the time to take advantage of all the testimony and research that has been made available to you. It is a time to educate and to bring rational thinking to bear.

It is a time for you to lead us – in the direction of reason, not hysteria – no matter what is perceived as popular support.

Gun bans are a hoax!

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