

Just as the Newtown victims “demand change now”, gun owners in Connecticut ask for the freedom to own and lawfully use any firearm they see fit, without restriction, as guaranteed under the second amendment of the U.S. Constitution. We do not need bans and mandatory registration. We are opposed to any new gun legislation, as the laws that are currently on the books are more than sufficient to maintain safety and security in our communities. If you want to legislate change, we encourage you to increase the penalties for breaking the laws we already have on our books, Ct. has some of the toughest gun laws in the country.

CT. gun owners are appalled and disgusted by the comments made by governor Malloy, He stated, “Gun owners are the fringe of the fringe”. His comments are unwarranted, irresponsible and unfounded, he continues to berate gun owners as second class citizens. Well gun owners are moms, dads, employers and taxpayers in this great state and I guarantee Dannel Malloy will here from us in the next election. We will also hold each one of you accountable if you impose restrictions on our firearms. We citizens aren’t here to represent the NRA. Can we count on you to preserve our rights, liberties and the tenants to which you swore to uphold ?

Governor Malloy has upstaged your committees by dictating to you the way he expects these bills to be worded and what he wants passed. Please remember he did this to gain political favor from Washington and to impress the Vice President during his last visit. Well the citizens of this state are not impressed and we remind you that you work for us, not governor Malloy.

Polls that show state residents want gun control are bias, as research has shown the demographics in these polls are lop-sided with an unusually high concentration of democrats polled , almost two to one over republicans and independents. Don’t base our legislation on these fake polls, as the results are not a true representation of state of Connecticut.

Bans, confiscations and limits will create a black market for weapons and ammo on our streets. These actions will not keep us safe, please ask this question. Will proposed bans, taxes and limits prevent another Newton tragedy ? The answer is obviously no. The laws proposed are about gun control, not violence prevention, who does the democratic caucus think they are fooling? They knowingly are taking advantage of this tragedy and these innocent lost lives are being used as pawns in their political game. It makes me and the citizens of this great state sick to see how they are using these innocent souls to impose gun control that will only infringe on the rights of legal gun owners, by banning weapons and accessories we already own .

The laws you pass will have serious revenue implications for CT. Colt, Mossberg and Stag Arms, clearly state they will leave CT. if we impose unfair laws limiting the sale of their firearms and accessories. Governor Malloy has already bonded my child’s future, can we really afford to let these manufacturers walk away from our state ? I think not !

Currently, handguns in CT. cannot be legally transferred without a DPS transaction number, which includes a background check on every buyer and seller. We have no handgun loopholes in CT. Gun owners are not opposed to allowing these same checks for rifle sales and transfers.

Examples: Failed Gun Purchase & Traffic Stop

It’s not too late to propose meaningful legislation and really make a difference by increasing penalties on the laws we already have, Expanding background checks and issuing transaction numbers through DPS for the sale of rifles. Enhance NICS, improve inter-departmental communications and co-operation between our towns and law enforcement agencies. Create comprehensive guidelines on mental illness to prevent the sale of firearms to mentally incapacitated persons. This is what meaningful legislation can be, without trampling our rights !