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My name is Eric D. Beckenstein and I live in Ridgefield, Connecticut 06977. I am a licensed Connecticut Attorney and Administrative Appeals Judge.

I find it hard to believe that as more than thirty-thousand (30, 000) Americans continue to be slaughtered each year - more than any other country in the Western World - we are debating common sense gun regulations. The status quo remains an abject failure by every standard, demonstrated daily. Clearly, repeating the phrases "we need to enforce the laws on the books," "we need to look at mental health," and offering "thoughts and prayers" is a meaningless and frankly insulting effort to change the focus away from G U N S. NRA funded political operatives transparently avoid the subject and lie while innocent men, women and children are gunned down in schools, churches and movie theaters. The evidence proves that in states with reasonable restrictions, such common sense gun laws lead to lower rates of gun deaths. The focus should be G U N S and nearly immediate access to purchase and maintain guns of all kinds including assault rifles. Clear and concrete background checks, mandated permitting of registered (non 3D/ ghost) guns only, and mandatory safe storage requirements are minimum standards. Such standards fall in line constitutionally with mandating driver's licenses, enforcing a legally mandated speed limit, and requiring Identification to purchase a cell phone and Advil Cold Sinus medication! How is this up for debate among honest adults?

**We need to close the loophole in our safe storage law; pass a ban on 3D/ghost guns and allow police to ask individuals who openly carry guns to show their gun permit.**

Sincerely,  
Eric D. Beckenstein