

Hello and thank you for taking the time to read this.

I am a lawful/responsible gun owner and have been for about 22 years now. I have a carry permit and have not broken the law. I oppose any legislation that would infringe upon the mass of gun owners in CT. Legislation that would ban certain types of weapons, increase taxes on guns and supplies, limit the number of rounds of your gun or create a new process for gaining and keeping a permit. Connecticut already has strict gun laws and the people that are using weapons beyond the scope which they are intended, ie. target shooting, self-defense, and competition are criminals. These criminals need to be treated as such and if they commit a violent then maybe they should not ever get out of jail or reinstate the death penalty. Going after guns and lawful citizens is not the answer. Gun crimes are usually committed in gun free zones. Also, these new laws would violate our constitutional rights. The second amendment was intended to keep the government from becoming tyrannical. The Bill of Rights started as 200 proposed amendments and were condensed to ten. If the government denies citizens the Right to Bear Arms without infringement then what amendment would come next? Freedom of Speech or protection against illegal searches and seizures? Let's use common sense and not punish law abiding citizens.

Also, I am a teacher and hope that their will be talk about arming teachers as a solution to the problem.

Thank you for your time.

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