

As Second Selectman in Wilton I have been asked to Chair a Wilton Security Task Force over our concern for enhanced school safety as well as the safety of all our town employees and residents. Three members of a 9 member Task Force will be from the schools. I will represent the Board of Selectmen and the Police Chief will also sit on the group. We have invited interested citizens to volunteer and we are in the process of evaluating 12 outstanding citizens. Like other Connecticut communities, Wilton is blessed with many talented people. Among those who have volunteered are two Homeland Security professionals, a senior member of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security, a former head of the New York DEA Organized Crime Task Force, and several other law enforcement officers. We are organizing quickly so we can wisely consider improvements as needed to our school and community security profiles.

We do not plan to rush in just to do something. Connecticut's tough gun laws did not prevent Newtown. This problem has no simple solutions. We must develop and think through the practical options that present themselves today and in the future. But we will improve by being careful and thoughtful.

I urge caution on the part of your vital work. Doing something to look good or feel good will not answer the long-term challenges random acts of mass violence confront us with today and which will confront us again in the future. Connecticut is smart enough to develop meaningful strategies.

Wilton looks forward to learning from you and sharing our learnings with you.

Respectfully submitted,

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