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## Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Inc.

Members of the School Safety Working Group,

My name is Scott Wilson and I reside in New London, CT. I am a founding member and the President of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Inc. We are a very large gun rights organization with well over 3,000 members in this state. Our membership has flourished since the Sandy Hook Tragedy.

Legislators that we elect have sworn a duty to abide by our state's constitution, have one after another proposed numerous bills this session that seek to diminish, curtail and deny our fellow citizens their rights as citizens. Very few of these proposals would have any effect on violent crime, but they certainly would affect the rights of good and law abiding citizens of this state. To the members of our organization and me, this is entirely the wrong approach. I am writing this testimony to you so I can state my beliefs regarding school safety, and what does not work; and what may work.

### What will not work

- Gun free zones do not work; they only leave victims helpless and unable to fend off attackers.
- Passing other gun laws that affect law adding people will not work. Criminals always find a way around laws; that is why they are defined as criminals. I encourage people to learn the story of Bath, MI. On May 18<sup>th</sup> in 1927, 38 elementary school children were killed by a disgruntled person, along with another 58 people were injured as well.

### What May Work

- I do not relish the thought of armed patrols of law enforcement, security forces, or even possibly "certain" well trained and modestly armed faculty members stationed in doorways or roaming corridors. It wasn't that way for me and my contemporaries when we grew up, and it is sad to think that any of these measures even warrant consideration. However, if we are going to have an honest and fair thought process about protecting our children and deterring future acts such as the Sandy Hook massacre, these points absolutely deserve consideration. I believe these points are also a better solution than the many current proposals that would only restrict the rights of Connecticut residents from having proper tools to protect their families and themselves from harm.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Every citizen has a right  
to bear arms in defense  
of himself and the state.