

January 25, 2013

CT Gun Violence Task Force

Dear Members of the Gun Violence Task Force:

I am unable to attend the Public Hearing in Hartford on Monday, January 28, 2013 but would like to ensure that my voice is heard. I am a hard-working, responsible, law abiding citizen that enjoys the shooting sports. I am an active member of a local gun club and know that many of the members of my club feel the same way I do. The tragedy that happened in Newton is horrible, but the approach that Connecticut lawmakers are considering is the absolute wrong approach that will have the exact opposite effect of what they are hoping to achieve. Passing new guns laws takes guns away from law abiding citizens, not criminals.

Do you really think that passing a law saying it is illegal to possess a 30 round magazine will stop a criminal from having one? Does banning so-called "Assault Rifles" mean that criminals will not use them? I hope the legislators are intelligent enough to realize that criminals don't follow laws. We should start enforcing the laws that exist and not create new ones that only punish law abiding citizens. Please use common sense.

I fully support REASONABLE efforts to keep the CT shooting from ever happening again, but the current proposals are not it. Any real change should be balanced and include strengthening mental health oversight, federal oversight of stricter sentencing for gun crimes, and tighter control to access of violent games/media.

My political involvement is usually limited to research before and voting during primary and general elections. This issue represents my first dive into current advocacy, and I take this issue VERY SERIOUSLY.

Sincerely,
Adam C. McMaster