

Good Afternoon-

I would like to voice my opposition to any further bans on guns or magazines.

Connecticut has had some of the strictest laws on guns and over the years they have proven to not stop anyone but the law abiding. Other states with similar laws have had the same results as Connecticut while states with less strict laws have in many cases been some of the safest over the years. It seems to me that guns are not the problem rather the minority of people, who usually need some sort of help, who cause the problems in our society. Although the investigation in Newtown is not complete it seems very likely that the perpetrator will fall into the category of the all of the most recent high profile mass killers in recent memory. Someone who is smart, makes plans to avoid laws, has mental issues, and most importantly showed signs along with being classified at some point as someone unstable. Someone who likely should have been involuntarily confined for psychiatric help so that he could get the help he needed.

I will not go into the same debate about guns and gun rights that will take place during these hearings but to me the numbers speak for themselves. Despite having many guns in this country crime is down and more importantly I do not see how restricting the access of the majority who have done nothing wrong will prevent something like Newtown from happening again. That is what Connecticut's original assault weapons ban was supposed to stop and it proved to be a feel good piece of legislation.

Thank you,
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