

Good morning

My name is Andrew Gordon of Bolton, CT.

Many of you are familiar with my mother, Barbara Gordon of West Hartford, and my father-in-law Jack Thompson of Manchester.

They are both very politically involved, I know they enjoy it.

I am writing to who it may concern, as I am very concerned about upcoming legislative ideas concerning erosion of my rights as a law abiding collector of WW2 military firearms. My collection is for education, and enjoyment for the remaining WW2 and Korean War veterans to see, and hold again as well as for students of history. Mine will never be fired again in my possession. Imagine breaking a rare hard to replace part?

I have a collectors license 03 Curio and relic, and after speaking to the honorable Beth Bye, and Bob Godfrey, I believe in their proposals I, as a collector of curio and relic firerarms including M1 carbines, semi-automatic, with 15 round detachable magazine, would be exempt, [not the fully automatic M2 carbine using a 30 round magazine], and WW2 era M1 rifles, [the rifle that won WW2] with an internal 8 round magazine using an 8 round enbloc clip. Winchester Repeating Arms Co., and Springfield Armory were the WW2 manufacturers of M1 rifles.

The history behind the Winchester Repeating Arms [New Haven] designed U.S. Carbine Caliber .30 M1 is amazing, and a 4 year mammoth effort to supply the little rifle to US and Allied forces around the world. Companies such as Winchester Repeating Arms Co. , Rock-Ola [juke boxes], Standard Products, IBM Corporation, National Postal Meter, Quality Hardware and Machine Co., Inland Division of General Motors,, Saginaw Steering Gear Division of General Motors, and Hartfords own Underwood Elliot Fisher made these carbines in WW2.

Parts were made by many companies in Connecticut such as Royal Typewriter, International Silver, Lyman Gunsight Co. Auto Ordnance, Bridgeport Metal Goods, and many other small and large Connecticut companies.

As a collector of original early WW2 carbines, I wont allow these fired, and ammunition .30 M1 carbine is scarce.

I follow the laws in place already, if I ever sold them, it would be to a licensed dealer, or another licensed curio and relic collector, providing proof with his 03 C/R license.

Im concerned about a extra "insurance, tax, and especially registration" Ive already jumped through many flaming hoops, and Im relicensed every 3 years as a collector, and my background is regularly checked in the national database, plus I have a CT state carry permit.

As a collector, I feel we have enough laws now, but I would agree with instant background checks, and of course denial of firearms to criminals, and people with mental disorders.

I dont like sales to individuals without approval of NICS by person to person unless licenses are shown. Ive honored that for over 30 years.

Please dont punish good people for a horrible crime none of these laws would have stopped.

We have so much history in CT with these incredible collector pieces that helped the greatest generation win WW2.

Further more ownership of fully automatic weapons [classified as curios and relics, as well as combat shotguns] is possible with the C/R license as well.

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