

Hello,

My name is Andrew Koehm. I'm from Brookfield, CT. Please accept this testimony for the public hearing today.

I could not attend in person because I have to work today. I am opposed to efforts to ban additional guns and magazines in CT.

CT has an assault weapons ban which had no effect on the Sandy Hook shooting. A woman was murdered and her CT legal guns were stolen.

An assault weapon was NOT used. The gun used was defined as legal by the CT legislature.

During the discussion leading to the 1994 CT ban it was mentioned

on numerous occasions that banning guns would have no effect on criminals. It was true then and proven by the Newtown incident.

Seeking to ban guns is the wrong approach. Limiting magazine capacity would have had no effect. Would the police be happy with a 10 round limit if they were required to abide by it?

The Sandy Hook school was a gun free zone. This means anyone looking to do violence there would do so unopposed. CT should allow concealed carry in schools by teachers.

Had a responsible armed citizen been at the Sandy Hook School the outcome would have been different. Mass shootings in other states have been prevented by armed citizens.

The standard background check did prohibit Adam Lanza from purchasing obtaining legal guns. That is a good idea which should continue.

I urge you to do the following:

Allow concealed carry by teachers. NO one deserves to die because well protected CT politicians say they can NOT defend themselves.

Provide funding for security entrance doors in all CT schools. Provide funding for guards at the schools.

Make it easier for the severely mentally ill to enter half way treatment programs. The CT legislature voted down a bill in April of 2012 that would have taken

Adam Lanza off the streets. That was a mistake. CT needs to treat the cause of gun violence which is mental illness and criminal intent.

Funding these proposals can come from reducing Gov Malloy's travel to China and Washington DC. Installing tolls in CT and dedicating the funds will also help pay the bill.

All current guns bans and restrictions in CT should also be extended to apply to the police. They have no greater right to self defense than any citizen. As can be seen from the Sandy Hook shooting

the police show up after the damage is done. The citizens of CT need to defend themselves from the Adam Lanza's of the world.

Thank you,
Andrew Koehm