

Please forward my testimony to any committee considering firearm, gun violence prevention, school security, and/or mental health services

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Re: Pending Firearm, gun violence, prevention, school security, and/or mental health services

To Whom It May Concern

I've lived in Connecticut all my life. I'm college educated, father, business owner, property owner, tax payer, Bail Enforcement Agent, Surety Bondsman, award winning competitive shooter, firearm collector and a Law Enforcement level firearms instructor. I've been fortunate to say the least.

It's my belief that as our political leaders all of you must believe in our Constitution and the Amendments, as do I. The wisdom of our founding fathers and their ability to create a document that still has viability over two hundred years is astonishing. The Second Amendment is a crucial part of our country, rights and the rationale behind this Amendment is part of why we exist as a country. The second amendment is not about hunting or target shooting it is about the individual's right to defend against whatever threat may occur. Our founding fathers intended us to have access to the court arms of the era to do so.

As a gun enthusiast it sickens me to hear about the various mass shootings that have occurred. It's understandable that the public is outraged and wants a solution but firearm legislation is not it. Interestingly you never hear of the numerous incidents in which an armed citizen thwarted an attack. You cannot legislate away mentally ill people. No law will prevent one of these disturbed individuals from doing harm if they are so inclined. There will always be a way for them to create a weapon much like suicide bombers'. People with this mind set and mental impairments do not care a about laws or what type of weapon they use. This is an unfortunate reality. There are bad people in this world and that is exactly why it is imperative citizens should and do have the right be armed.

Humans only have two ways to deal with one another and that's reason or force. In a civilized society we use reason when interacting with one another. Yet some individuals do not subscribe to this. A good example of this is predatory criminals of the Cheshire home invasion. Reason was not an option for that family and the only option was force which they could not apply sadly. A firearm is the only mechanisms that can even the odds in these situations. As our law makers you have no right to take away any law abiding citizen's ability to apply force. We are all painfully aware police can't always be there fast enough. With that fact in mind I want you to ask yourself. Why is it acceptable for you (meaning our political leaders) to have the Capital Police armed with the very

guns and magazines you're proposing to banish protecting you and the building but it's not permissive for these same police officers or citizens to carry the same gun and magazine for protection? Why is it acceptable to have our soldiers protect our countries material interests in with an AR type rifle but it's not permissive for them to have something similar at home to both enjoy and or use for protection. Are politicians and or countries overseas concerns more important than the individuals they should be serving?

Many of the proposed bills will make citizens like me felons. In addition they will eliminate my ability to compete and force me to lose my collection. As a Bail Enforcement Agent I'm an armed profession apprehending fugitives weekly. I'm sure my team and I make many more apprehensions than the average police officer. This is dangerous work and we need our guns and the appropriate magazines. None of the proposed laws exempt my profession.

It saddens me to see a tragedy like Newton being used to push gun control. If you take a moment to look at the facts of the tragedy you find that this evil individual ignored many of the laws we already have like larceny, murder, carrying a pistol without a permit etc. and would do the same with any new ones created. Don't punish laws abiding citizens for this. When someone does something bad with a fast car do we take away all the fast cars?

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