

Dear Representative,

Listed below are some simple steps that can be taken to reduce intentional and accidental gun deaths. I believe that the costs associated with implementing these controls should be funded by taxes levied on ammunition and gun sales. None of these steps will infringe on anyone's right to bear arms. I strongly believe that these actions will help to make our communities safer.

Please propose legislation in Connecticut that will:

- 1 Strengthen the assault weapons ban by requiring that all weapons having military features be banned and that existing weapons defined as assault weapons be destroyed, turned in to law enforcement or removed from the state.
- 2 Ban large capacity ammunition magazines of more than 7 rounds and that existing magazines of more than 7 rounds be destroyed, turned in to law enforcement, or removed from the state. New York State has just adopted law that established the 7-round limit.
- 3 Require permits and universal background checks on ALL sales and transfers of guns, including long guns.
- 4 Require registration of handguns with annual renewal. Require: annual fee and annual background check for all handguns owned; require that the owner stipulate that the guns are still in their possession or explain how the gun was transferred to another person; require safety inspection every three years.
- 5 Make gun owners liable for negligent storage if any person gains access to firearms and injures himself or another person or causes damage to property. The violation would be a Class D felony.
- 6 Ban the right of way for transportation of firearms and ammunition bought over the Internet.
- 7 Tax ammunition sales and require a license/permit to purchase any gun or ammunition.
- 8 Restrict handgun sales to one gun/month.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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