

Dear Distinguished Senators and Representatives of the Task force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety,

Included in this file you will see the results of a survey that was initiated only 4 days ago. The CT, "Protect our 2nd Amendment Rights," Facebook Organization page in conjunction with the Facebook Organization Page, "CT Gun Owners", initiated this Survey. Together we deemed it necessary to not only provide this survey to our immediate audience, but also to WFSB, WTNH, FOX, and NBC. The Survey was also spread through email and shared throughout several other social media outlets.

The program used for this survey, Survey Monkey, was *specifically selected*, as it is the same program that Danbury Representative Richard Smith (R-108) used in his press release in the Danbury Daily Voice publication on 1/17/2013.

(<http://danbury.dailyvoice.com/politics/danbury-rep-richard-smith-posts-gun-survey-online>).

Representative Smith was quoted in this article as saying, "As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I will be at the forefront of debate on many of these bills, and would like to cultivate a better understanding of your positions on some of the most controversial issues I will face on your behalf,"

The link to Rep. Smith's Survey can be found here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NM8XRMD>

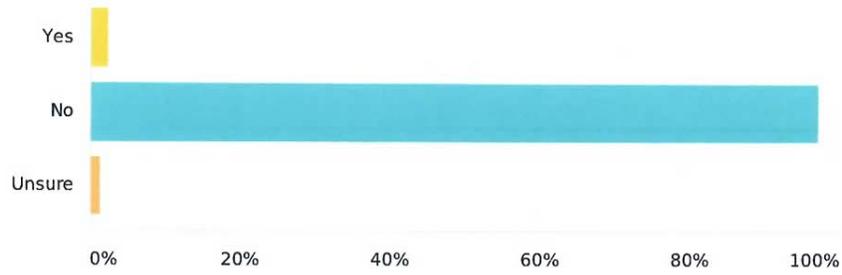
As Rep. Smith enters his 3<sup>rd</sup> year serving in the House, and holding a notable position on the Judiciary Committee of the CGA, as well as being an attorney, we are pleased that he has taken the time to conduct such a survey to 'cultivate a better understanding of our positions on some of the most controversial issues he will face on our behalf.'

We, the people of Protect our 2nd Amendment Rights, as well as CT Gun Owners, and for the specific purpose of maintaining the credibility of the survey by posting it on 4 major CT news network sites, would like to share our findings so that a better understanding of our collective positions can be faced on our behalf.

We asked a 10 question short survey and have yet to close the proverbial polls, as we will continue to tabulate the data as it comes in and is needed for future testimony. However, for the purpose of your task force, we would like to share some data with you now that were accumulated through our survey. Following Rep. Smith's lead as a Lawmaker and attorney interested in public opinion, we are pleased to announce that we were able to collect 2,501 responses in less than four short days. The questions and results are based precisely on current proposed legislation and public opinion. We ask to be heard:

### Q1 Do you support reclassifying semi-automatic long rifles to be termed as "Assault Rifles?"

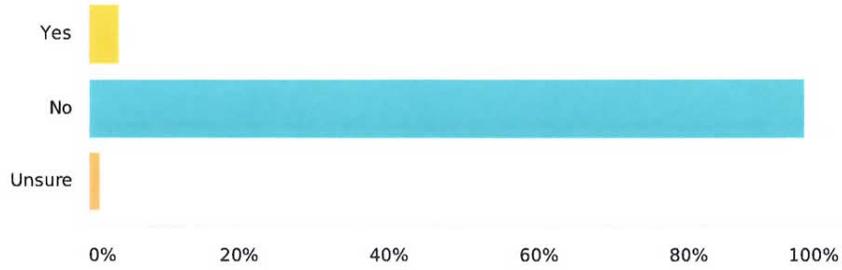
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Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>2.08%</b>	52
<b>No</b>	<b>96.80%</b>	2,421
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>1.12%</b>	28
Total		2,501

## Q2 Do you support banning high capacity magazines (holding more than 10 rounds) for rifles or pistols?

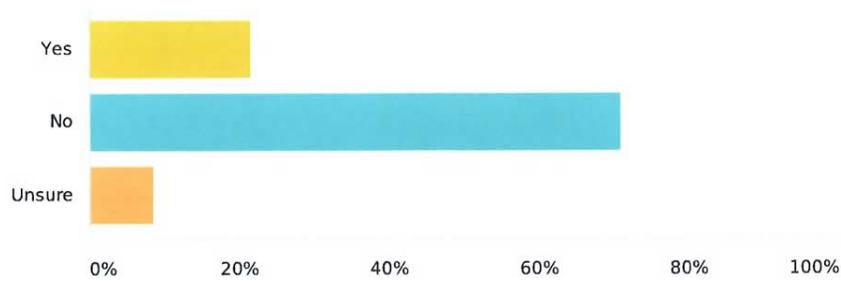
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Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>3.72%</b>	93
<b>No</b>	<b>95.12%</b>	2,379
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>1.16%</b>	29
Total		2,501

**Q3 If you DO NOT support banning higher capacity magazines (more than 10 rounds), do you support banning very high capacity magazines/drums (holding more than 30 rounds)?**

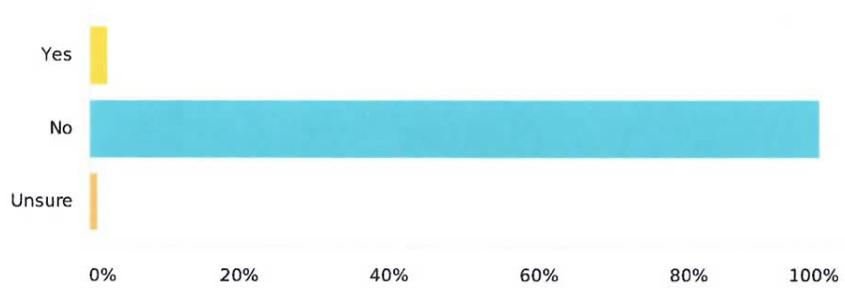
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Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>21.23%</b>	531
<b>No</b>	<b>70.53%</b>	1,764
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>8.24%</b>	206
Total		2,501

### Q4 Do you support banning long rifles or sporting rifles based on the AR-15 platform (all calibers included)?

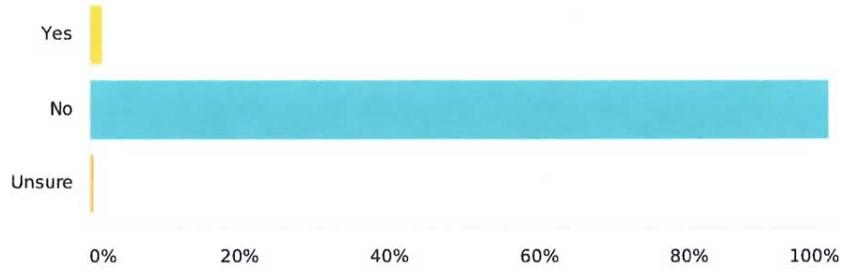
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Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>2.12%</b>	53
<b>No</b>	<b>97.08%</b>	2,428
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>0.80%</b>	20
Total		2,501

### Q5 Do you support a 50% tax on the sale of ammunition?

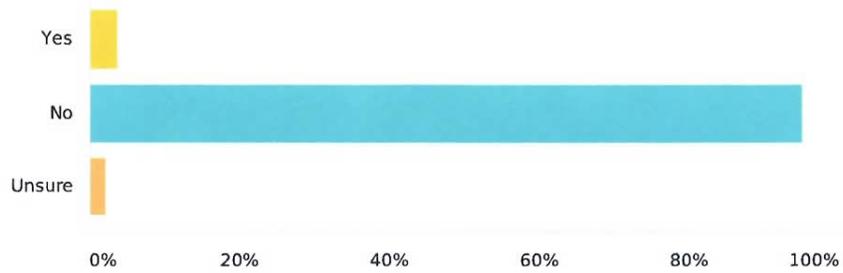
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Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>1.44%</b>	36
<b>No</b>	<b>98.24%</b>	2,457
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>0.32%</b>	8
Total		2,501

**Q6 If you DO NOT support a 50% tax on the sale of ammunition, do you support ANY sales tax increase on ammunition only?**

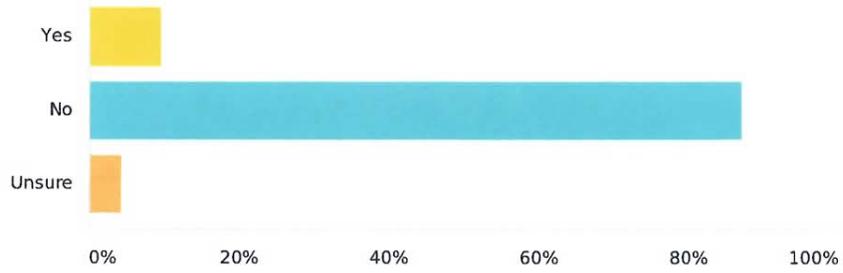
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Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>3.44%</b>	86
<b>No</b>	<b>94.72%</b>	2,369
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>1.84%</b>	46
Total		2,501

### Q7 Do you support the ban of Internet Sales of ammunition?

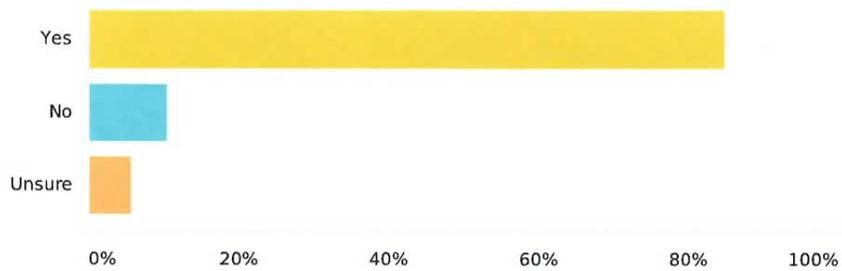
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Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>9.32%</b>	233
<b>No</b>	<b>86.73%</b>	2,169
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>3.96%</b>	99
Total		2,501

### Q8 Do you believe that the State's current laws, processes, and waiting periods are sufficient for a person to legally purchase a firearm?

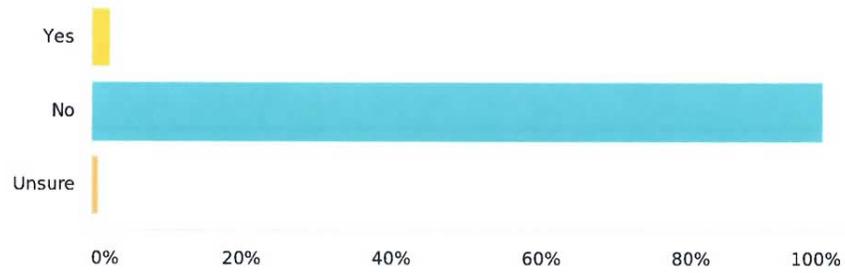
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Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>84.53%</b>	2,114
<b>No</b>	<b>10.16%</b>	254
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>5.32%</b>	133
Total		2,501

### Q9 Do you believe that stronger gun laws will stop criminals from obtaining firearms or ammunition?

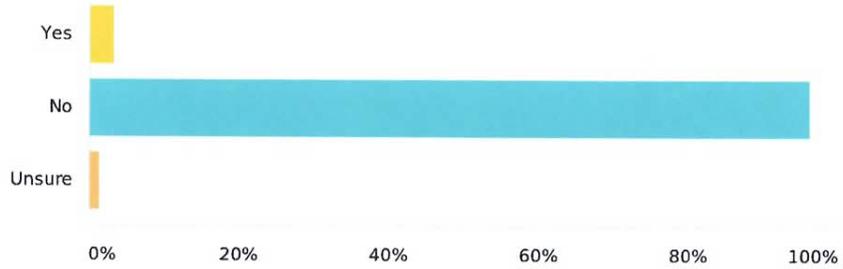
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Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>2.16%</b>	54
<b>No</b>	<b>97.20%</b>	2,431
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>0.64%</b>	16
Total		2,501

### Q10 Do you believe that stronger gun laws will decrease the incidences of criminal use of a firearm?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>3.04%</b>	76
<b>No</b>	<b>95.88%</b>	2,398
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>1.08%</b>	27
Total		2,501

As you can see the popular opinion is overwhelmingly against any proposed legislation on gun control, reclassification of certain types of firearms, magazine capacity bans (within reason), banning semi-automatic long rifles such as the AR-15 (which the Department of Homeland Security has acknowledged as being a weapon best suited for personal defense and home protection with a 30 round magazine), banning Internet ammunition sales, and taxation of ammunition in any fashion. More importantly, while not opposed to more stringent background checks, the respondents believe that the State's current screening processes for pistol permits and sales of firearms are mostly sufficient. And, a majority of the respondents are in agreement that further legislation will not stop criminals from obtaining firearms and ammunition illegally and it will also not stop further incidences of criminal use of a firearm. We also stand on behalf of firearm owners whom have *disabilities* and have approached us with information that the ArmaLite Rifle (AR) platform is also best suited for *disabled* firearms owners.

While Survey Monkey has its drawbacks as an exactly accurate survey tool, due to someone being able to respond more than once, this shows us some tangible and quantitative data. If a pro-firearms respondent took the survey more than once, it is a level playing field as we put this out to the mass media as well so that those who are on the anti-firearm side of the argument had the same opportunity. We did not promote but instead dissuaded multiple submissions to curb this potential.

However, if the respondents who are dead-set against any legislation being passed took the survey more than once, it is an invaluable tool – for it represents the fact that those who are determined to protect our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights will do what is necessary to be heard loudly in a civil forum. Lastly, if this survey tool is good enough for an elected official and attorney to gain insight as to our *position(s)* so that he may weigh those results and “face them on (our) behalf,” than it is more than sufficient to show that the majority popular *position* is against more stringent controls. This data was collected from 2,501 respondents less in than four full days.

Please submit this as public testimony from Protect our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights, CT Gun Owners, and the public at large who responded through the mass media and email. All data was submitted directly from the respondents and compiled directly from the Survey Monkey Program.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Protect our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights – Organization  
CT Gun Owners – Organization  
The General Public - through mass media.