

Members of the committee:

I am another citizen who is sickened by the Newtown massacre.

In the past month, we have heard little more on TV and radio than basic encouragement of mob rule. Everyone is sickened by this tragedy. We all need to find a scapegoat. GUNS are the obvious, but least to blame. Guns are the easy emotional response. Listening to comments on talk radio and by politicians, it is obvious that most have little understanding of firearms.

We are a representative republic. We have elected you to represent us. We expect you to make informed decisions, not respond to the loudest shouts. Informed decisions can only be made by looking at facts from many sources. We firearms enthusiasts are not the enemy. We can bring much experience and knowledge if you take the time to hear us. I think we are all in favor of background checks. Banning guns of any type not already banned in CT and banning magazines in my opinion would be like prohibition in the '20s. You will make tens of thousands of criminals in CT overnight. Enforce current laws. Make minimum penalties for firearms crimes with NO parole. Violence can not be tolerated, not with a car, a fist, a baseball bat, a knife, a gun, etc. Punish violence, start rehabilitation after the mandatory jail sentence it served, with NO parole. Gun owners in CT have been vetted already and found to be some of the most upstanding citizens. Penalizing us will do nothing to reduce crime.

Respectfully yours,

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