

To all members of the joint task force:

I most strongly urge and demand that

A two day public hearing be held on any final firearm bills exiting committee

DO NOT BYPASS STANDARD PROCESS WITH A POLITICALLY MOTIVATED EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION / THIS IS TOO IMPORTANT

I feel most strongly regarding these positions:

- Do not pass laws that violate the US and CT Constitutions
- Do not pass laws that would have offered no benefit whatsoever on December 14.
- Do not restrict lawful application of standard capacity magazines for self defense, leave capacity alone
- Do not encumber lawful firearms owners with mandated purchase of additional insurance. Keeping arms is a RIGHT, not a privilege.
- Do not misclassify rifles because of plastic cosmetics, what you call “assault weapons” are simply not military grade. No BAN is needed, true military grade assault rifles are already banned from consumer purchase and ownership.
- Do not place false labels on non-military consumer rifles that are plain semi-automatics with plastic decorations and ergonomic features.
- Do not punish sports enthusiasts with regressive taxes and restrictions of interstate commerce, also in violation of the commerce clause.
- Do not destroy Doctor / Patient confidentiality.

- DO address the link between psychiatric medicines and violence, including genuine studies of prior school killings.
- DO place armed “good guys” in the schools, including a removal of the infringements that now prevent staff from exercise of their rights, Use Texas as a best practice template
- DO hold a public hearing on a final consolidated set of bills. We have a right to comment, you have no moral right to pass anything on an emergency basis.
- DO honor the oaths you have taken when you were sworn in

- **DO understand that the rights guaranteed by the second amendment have been fully compatible with the right to liberty and pursuit of happiness for over 200 years. Arguments that one Right supplants the other must be rejected as false arguments and propaganda.**

**With respect,
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