

To all whom it may concern;

I find it unfortunate that politicians have once again seized on tragedy and emotions to further an agenda. The sensible action would be to let emotions settle as we all do in situations that arise every day at home and other places before taking any actions that many times do not even deal with the issue. Knee jerk response is more often than not the wrong move.

Do you possibly think that Adam Lanza or the Colorado shooter had any regard for laws?

You people have many laws on the books now that in the end just make you feel better about trying to do something.

I have to ask you all if you have given any thought to the fact that you people or your predecessors were part of the closing of the mental facilities in Connecticut? Fairfield Hills was practically in the back yard of this tragedy. Another feel good move that has benefitted no one other than saving the state money.

Go to any homeless shelter in the state and you will see people that need help that was denied by closing these facilities. You sent these people in need home to their families. The families couldn't manage the issue in many cases and the people turned out to the streets. They don't get or take their medication and your actions are partially responsible for this since you deemed it cruel to commit these people.

Now you want to strengthen gun laws. We already had some of the strictest laws in the country. Do the mentally ill or criminals care? No. What about the lives potentially lost due to your new proposals? How will they be measured?

All that you will do is create a new class of criminal with your laws and proposed bans. I doubt very much that people already in possession of guns illegally will care. They are sitting back loving your new proposals. I do also believe that many people will not honor new bans as we do have a document called the Bill of Rights with a 2nd amendment that was drawn up to prevent just these actions by Government. It was not written for hunters and the civilians had the exact same weapons as the Government so let's not go there.

Many of the new proposals issued by this state are ridiculous to put it mildly. 50 % tax on ammo? No tax if purchased and used at the range at one time? May I ask who is going to monitor everyone at the range? Count the shots fired? "Was that all of your tax free ammo"? Lots of new jobs I guess.

I do not want to rant and some better recording of private gun sales makes sense. There are a few proposals that have some merit, very few, and they will not stop the mad man on the loose. These are all feel good measures and nothing more.

Look at the mental health issue, the lack of a family nucleus in today's society and you will begin to approach the heart of this problem.

Probably the biggest factor in these mass homicide attacks is the media. The sensationalism of these acts drives the unbalanced that have not acted out to do so. They want their day, or months, of fame and want to out do the last attacker. The media is a problem here too. Sandy Hook has been a main topic on tv since it happened a month ago.

It seems that every state politician has attempted to get their face associated with the attack as well as Diane Sawyer and her peers. Frankly it is disgusting. Let these poor

people grieve quietly. How would you like to have been a parent involved, God forbid, and have to relive it every time you turn on the news?

I would ask that all of please sit back and look at this from the perspective of the legal gun owners, the only people that will be adversely affected by all these new regulations. Again, you are playing into the hands of criminals and mentally ill people with bad intentions. They won't have to fear the home owner nearly as much. You will also destroy a state industry and put even more people out of work at a time when we don't need more unemployment.

Please choose your paths forward carefully.

Quick response is usually the wrong response.

Respectfully;

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