

I believe, after reading about your hearing scheduled for Monday, January 28th, that your priorities are skewed to the point of almost being meaningless. My rationale for this comment is two fold: one, you apparently have "manufacturers" speak for a full hour. I assume these are gun manufacturers. With so many individuals, both pro and anti-gun control legislation, the least input desired would be from gun manufacturers. Their opinions are already well known and their statements will just add fire to this hearing.

Two: you claim that you want individual citizens to comment, yet you demand THIRTY copies of their proposed statements and to be delivered the day before - Sunday, or earlier. Not only do these individuals have to take off from work twice, one to deliver the copies (not to mention the time and cost to duplicate them), and one to go to Hartford - to speak for only three minutes, while they wait more time waiting to be heard.

If you are serious about your concern for the opinions of your electorate, you will schedule meetings throughout the state at convenient locations without the need for that ridiculous need for so many copies. You are only discouraging input from those you are supposed to represent, rather than encouraging the very input you need - and should desire - to adequately prepare any proposed bills concerning this serious matter.

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