

Greetings Senators and State Representative on this task force, as well as to the public who may be reading the communication,

I am a Connecticut citizen from Wolcott. I have written my elected officials, but as standing members of this task force, I am writing you as well.

I am a military veteran, a retired Captain from the Connecticut Department of Correction and a current full time Christian Missionary. I have been a holder of a Connecticut Pistol permit for over 20 years and have been an active pistol competitor, deer hunter and protector of my family. I have read as much of the proposed legislation regarding gun law changes as I can find online, and most are emotionally tainted reactions to the tragedy of Newtown. Although clearly a passionate and understandable action to such a tragedy, the impact would miss any intended safety enhancements or crime reductions

I would implore you to oppose any laws which would in any way hinder current law abiding responsible gun owners. A limitation of magazine capacity to 10 rounds or less would make illegal nearly 95% of all semi-automatic handguns. This would in essence criminalize an estimates 3.5 million legally purchased weapons already owned by Connecticut citizens. A fee supported registration process or exorbitant ammunition tax would heavily financially penalize law abiding folks while having no measurable impact on criminals who primarily steal weapons to commit crimes.

It's reasonable to expect gun owners to safely and responsibly store their firearms and current laws are place to impose a penalty for failing to do so.

The constitutional provision for the 2nd amendment was purposefully placed right after our right for free exercise of religion and free speech. Our founders understood that the ability to defend our speech and beliefs needed a mechanism to stave off enemies of those freedoms, and so the people's ability to be armed was secured without infringement. I strongly oppose any legislation that negatively impacts any law abiding citizens rights and strongly appeal to you to do the same. It is a time of choice for every legislator, but nobody can uphold and defend the constitution while simultaneously seeking to deminish it.

Obligations prohibit me from being able to attend the open hearing next week. Please stand for the rights of the citizens.

Thank you for your time.

God's blessings,

Brian Evelich

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