

Representatives and Senators,

Sandy Hook is not an "opportunity" to further an agenda.

Do not disgrace the memory of those who lost their lives in Newtown by using that terrible day as an excuse to take away the fundamental rights of law abiding citizens.

Do not delude yourselves into thinking you can get guns off the streets. You will slightly reduce the number of guns in circulation, but you know they will not be coming out of criminal's hands. Do not disarm victims.

There is no more legal room for further "reasonable restrictions" on guns. You know the recent case law. Do not ignore it. A one characteristic AWB (meaningless characteristics by the way) would proscribe an extremely common class of arms which is explicitly unconstitutional. The same applies to magazine limits. The disgrace that was just passed in NY will be struck down.

Do represent your constituency if they truly desire more gun control. That means get busy on the State and Federal Constitutional amendments. Until then, DO NOT run around as if these constitutions did not exist!.

The Governor stated in a speech a few weeks ago in regards to an increased armed presence in schools, "That's not who we are". Who are we then? Are we irresponsible, defenseless, dependents who look to the government to solve every single one of our problems?

Please think rationally during this debate. A gun is an inanimate object. It cannot be responsible for gun violence, nor can the law abiding citizens of Connecticut who wield guns for lawful purposes as a fundamental right.

Taking away the rights of law abiding citizens as the response to heinous criminal activity, how can that be the answer to any challenge we face in Connecticut?

Respectfully,

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