

Senator Kissel,

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to most new gun control laws that are being considered by Legislators in our State. I, like everyone else was horrified and saddened by the tragedy in Sandy Hook which took place 10 miles from my home. This act was carried out by a psychopath with severe mental health problems who slipped through the cracks of our system. A system that the State itself has allowed to fall into decay by the closing of many Mental Health Facilities, and having no funding or laws to effectively force a person to be committed to seek treatment against their will. This was not the act of responsible law-abiding gun owners. What Mrs. Lanza was thinking to teach her son to shoot or even handle a firearm was a total lack of responsibility and common sense, which she and the other victims unfortunately paid the ultimate price for.

Any new laws that are enacted now will only effect the law-abiding like myself who have never harmed another human being with a firearm. An assault weapon is categorized in Military terms as a fully automatic firearm, [ machine gun } not a semi-automatic rifle with cosmetic features that make it look more dangerous than it is. Not that all firearms aren't dangerous because in the wrong hands they are. No criminal or drug dealer on our streets," and there are plenty of them", are going to obey any new laws you pass, that's why they are called criminals. Do you really think they are going to take out Special Home Ins, turn in their firearms or for that matter turn in their high capacity magazines, no it will just fall on us the law-abiding. Gov. Coumo did this before even hearing what steps our Federal Gov may take. By limiting ammunition capacity to a puny 7 rnds. he has made sure that the criminals in his State now out gun his constituents 3 to 1. And of course there is always going to be the possibility of terrorist attacks in our Country and I wouldn't want to go up against a full-auto AK-47 with a measly revolver to protect my home and Country with, which is part of the reason for "Militia" in the 2ND Amendment.

I do feel that all gun-show loopholes should be closed and that back ground checks should be conducted at them before any sales of firearms are conducted. I, and all law-abiding citizens have to go through this process and so should they. I have e-mailed Sen. Blumenthol and my State Sen Kelley

on this subject but of course have heard no response yet. Understand I am just a concerned responsible gun owner and law-abiding citizen of our great State of CT. who gets up every day and goes to work. I hope you will take my thoughts into consideration.

Respectfully,

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