

I am truly saddened by the events that took place in Newtown, but as a responsible gun owner with a ct pistol permit as well as a ct hunting license, I am opposed to any new gun control legislation. Ct already has some of the most stringent gun legislation in the nation. I believe the focus should be on enforcing the gun laws that are already in place instead of introducing new gun legislation that will greatly affect law abiding gun owners in ct and still not solve the issues related to violent crimes. If some of this proposed legislation is passed, manufacturing in ct will be greatly impacted due to a loss of jobs in addition to lost tax revenue to ct. Yes, what happened at Sandy Hook was a tragedy, but outright bans on certain semi-automatic guns are not the answer, this will not affect criminals as they will always find ways to commit crimes. I urge this taskforce not to push for new gun legislation, instead to look at other areas such as mental health and background checks. I thank you for letting me be able to write to this committee.

Sincerely:

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