

Dear Representatives,

The issues surrounding gun control and gun violence prevention are so important – an evoke such passion – that I respectfully insist that full public hearings be scheduled for ANY proposed legislation that is a product of the governor’s and legislature’s ongoing process. The public must be heard, and any pressure to bypass full public hearings via –Cert must be resisted. Please allow Connecticut citizens’ voices to be heard.

Regarding gun control, I am particularly disturbed by the lack of respect for property rights that the governor’s proposals display. It’s one thing to say that gun owners will longer be permitted to buy high capacity magazines, but it’s quite another to force citizens to divest themselves of legally acquired and owned personal property, without regard to the consequences to the individual owners. Many handguns in legitimate use within Connecticut come from the factory equipped with magazines holding more than 10 rounds – and no other alternatives exist. Without these “high capacity” factory standard magazines, the pistols become useless, very expensive paperweights. This is unacceptable. At the very least, currently owned magazines must be ‘grandfathered in’.

Please allow the voices of Connecticut’s law-abiding gun owners to be heard!

Respectfully yours,

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