

Gun Violence Working Group,

My name is Christopher G Choinski, (pronounced Chew-in-ski) and I represent myself as a honest, blue collar firefighter by profession as well as a volunteer firefighter, law abiding citizen.

I would like to submit this testimony against the following proposed bills, [SB-140](#), SB-600, SB-601, SB-604, SB-605, SB-608, SB-609, SB-611, SB-613, SB-615, HB-5950, [HB-5268](#) and HB-5112. I'm sure I missed a few proposed bills as there are too many to count, and new ones getting added daily.

None of these proposed laws will prevent future shootings. We already have laws on the books, that are pretty strict as it stands to prevent shootings and violence. In recent events, none of the shooters have followed any of these existing laws. A determined criminal will always find a way to commit his or her crime, with total disregard to the law. Passing new laws will only penalize and infringe on the law abiding citizen.

I believe the way to prevent future violence is to attack the root of the problem. And that problem is mental illness. I am in no position to tell you or a medical professional how to solve the mental illness problem, but that is the problem. You can also toughen up the penalties for the laws on the books already as there are way too many violent offenders getting early release, or even just probation for crimes where they should be put away for many, many years.

The one thing that SHOULD NOT be done is to pass laws that incriminate law abiding citizens such as my self. Penalize the people that deserve so, not law abiding citizens.

In closing, I urge the committee to oppose the following bills, [SB-140](#), SB-600, SB-601, SB-604, SB-605, SB-608, SB-609, SB-611, SB-613, SB-615, HB-5950, [HB-5268](#) and HB-5112. As they will do nothing to prevent further violence and only infringe on the law abiding citizen that wishes to exercise his or her 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right, as well as Section 15 of the State of Connecticut Constitution.

I also urge the committee to use a common sense approach when discussing these proposed bills, and not act with emotion

Thank you for your time,

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