

Hello, My name is Christopher Roy,

I am a CCW permit holder in the state of Connecticut. Although I am saddened by the actions of an individual who obviously needed help; I do not believe punishing the law abiding citizens in this state or any other for that matter will improve anyone's safety. Proper education on firearms and proper storage of firearms for security I believe will.

As the public weighs the pros and cons of gun bans, increase taxes on ammunition, elimination of gun shows, and full nationwide background checks, I as a law abiding- tax paying citizen would like to offer a couple compromises that might help both sides come to an agreement. There definitely should be an elimination of all gun shows, and along with that, all private sales of firearms should go thru a licensed FFL : ie Hoffmans gun shop or a Cabelas in East Hartford for example. With proceeds from each sales transfer going to an account to help victims of gun related crimes. I think a permit for all firearm sales such as a ccw permit should be in place to make sure any individual buying a rifle/ pistol has had some formal training in relation to said firearms.

In relation to limiting ammunition purchases; I don't believe this would help. Any individual can cross state lines and buy as much ammo as they would wish in New Hampshire or Pennsylvania. Requiring a permit such as the CCW to purchase ammo I believe might be a possible answer. However, banning certain firearms and limiting the size of magazines historically has't shown to prove any significance in relation to lowering gun related deaths. Most criminals use pistols for concealment. So in regards to banning a semi automatic rifle, I believe it most likely will not help.

I also believe more needs to be done with the mental health issues in this state. A lot can be achieved with proper funding and the correct involvement with professionals in these related areas.

The last item I would like to address is the idea someone had about forcing gun owners to acquire liability insurance on their firearms. I'm not 100 % sure if that's legal to do, since the 2nd amendment grants me the right to have a firearm. I don't believe trying to force me to pay for something that is my right will garner you as the congress/ senate any cheers or votes in any upcoming elections.

Thank you for reading my e-mail

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