

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

IT IS A HUMAN RIGHT TO PROTECT LIFE. A HUMAN RIGHT. THIS IS SO BECAUSE THE VAST MAJORITY OF BELIEF SYSTEMS AGREE THAT THE GIFT OF LIFE IS WORTH PROTECTING. IT IS ALSO TRUE BECAUSE IT IS A NATURAL INSTINCT. AND IT IS HOW WE ALL RESPECT AND HONOR THOSE BASICS THAT WE WILL BE JUDGED.

THE WEIGHT OF RESPONSIBILITY ON ALL OF US CANNOT BE IGNORED. THEREFORE WE MUST ALL BE HEARD. I RECOMMEND THAT THE EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION BILL PROCESS BE ABANDONDED. BECAUSE IT TAKES AWAY THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH, INCLUDING REDRESS. AND ALSO BECAUSE WE CANNOT BE HASTY ON A DECISION THAT WILL LIKELY EFFECT GENERATIONS.

WE HONOR OUR BELIEF SYSTEMS AND RIGHTS BY SUPPORTING AND DEFENDING THEM. YOU MAY NEVER EXERCISE SOME OF YOUR RIGHTS, BUT NEVER GIVE THEM UP. FOR THEY ARE YOUR RIGHTS, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND NOT A PRIVILEGE ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

RIGHT NOW THE BIGGEST ENEMIES OF PROTECTING LIFE ARE NOT EACH OTHER. THE ENEMIES ARE MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUGS. ON THESE ITEMS THE CAGV, MILLION MOMS, THE NRA AND CODE PINK CAN FIND COMMON GROUND. AND REVISITING PRIVATE FIREARM SALES SHOULD BE IN THERE AS WELL.

WHAT CAN BE DONE RIGHT NOW? CRANK UP THE WAR ON DRUGS AND DECIDE TO WIN IT. PROVIDE EDUCATION ABOUT CONFLICT MANAGEMENT. MENTAL HEALTH - RETHINK THE RIGHT TO LIFE AND RIGHT TO PRIVACY BALANCE AND RELEASE SOME INFO TO BE INCLUDED IN BACKGROUND CHECKS, ADJUST THE JUDICIAL PROCESS - BY REVISITING PLEA BARGAINING AND REPEAT OFFENDER PRACTICES. ENFORCE EXISTING LAWS.

WINNING THE DRUG WAR AND ADJUSTING JUDICIAL PROCESS ARE NOWHERE TO BE SEEN IN CT OR FEDERAL RECOMMENDATIONS. IF NOT ADDRESSED, THEN NOTHING REALLY CHANGES FOR OUR FELLOW INNER CITY AMERICANS - AND THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

WINNING THE DRUG WAR WILL DECREASE DRUG RELATED GUN DEATHS, DRUG DEATHS, COMMUNITIES WILL BE SAFER, CHILDREN WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO FOCUS ON SCHOOL WORK. AND WITH TROOPS ON THE BORDER, LESS ILLEGAL GUNS COME IN. AND WE GIVE DIGNITY TO IMMIGRANTS AND GET THEM THROUGH THE SYSTEM PROPERLY.

WHEN THE THREAT LEVEL GOES DOWN, THE GOOD GUYS WILL ADJUST THEIR EQUIPMENT ACCORDINGLY.

BUT TAKING GUNS FROM GOOD GUYS WILL ONLY EMBOLDENS THE CRIMINALS - THAT'S NOT A REASONABLE RISK.

I CANNOT AND WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT PUNISHING GOOD CITIZENS' IS NECESSARY. NOR DO I BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO INFRINGE ON THE RIGHT TO PROTECT ONE'S SELF. WE MUST LEAVE OUR CHILDREN NO LESS RIGHTS THAN WHAT WE HAVE TODAY. THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?