

Hi,

I am a competitive shooter (which requires high capacity magazines) and a POLICE OFFICER and I am OPPOSED to any further restrictions on firearms and magazine capacity. I am in favor of reducing GUN VIOLENCE and as such in favor of reducing the number of violent criminals on our streets. The anti-gun parties are using the Newtown, CT and other shootings as emotional leverage to gain favor and push legislation that is contradictory to our 2nd Amendment. This SHOULD NOT HAPPEN.

The prior Assault Weapons Ban did NOTHING to reduce crime. In NYC, the main cause for a reduction in crime was the "stop, question, and frisk" policy that Chief Bratton had put in place.

Anti-gun supporters are looking at this wrong. Don't limit the law abiding citizen who wants to protect their family, look at the violent criminals who perpetrate these senseless acts. Our penal system is not handling violent felons or those who show an aptitude for greater violence correctly. Reduced sentences, no sentences, early releases, etc are putting more violent criminals on the streets. Statistics are available that show that even those arrested for smaller crimes, over time, graduate to larger and more violent crimes.

We should not be focusing on magazine restrictions and weapons bans...we should be focusing on getting criminals off the streets. Less crime, less criminals = less need for protecting oneself.

As a Police Officer I am all for a reduction in violence. But what if I am carrying off-duty and come home and find I am targeted by someone I arrested or put in jail....am I to be limited in protecting myself and my children? I potentially am at greater risk for retaliation than normal "civilians"and if I am afforded the ability to protect myself off-duty with high capacity magazines, why only me? Why not allowing others the same?

Again, my point being....do NOT infringe on the 2nd Amendment. Take it for what it is, embrace it, allow the right to bear and carry arms and allow the individual the right to protect themselves and others. Get the CRIMINALS off the streets. PROSECUTE the CRIMINALS to the fullest extent for smaller transgressions that lead to larger issues. INSTITUTE HARSHER gun violence punishment.

How about we increase the number of prisons....create jobs for construction of the facilities, jobs for administrative staff, jobs for Corrections Officers, etc. We can create jobs, incarcerate criminals and get them off the streets, and reduce crime by reducing the number of criminals on the streets to perpetrate such crimes.

Thank you.