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TO: CT Legislative Committee on School Safety, Gun Control & Mental Health

SUBJ: Honor YOUR Oath to Protect Second Amendment Rights!

Please STOP the Knee-Jerk reaction that is leading our legislatures, both state and federal, to tear down the 2nd amendment.

NOTHING in the proposed new laws on gun control would have stopped the tragedy that occurred, but if we allow the 2nd amendment rights to be easily set aside, one of the basic tenants that our country's founders fought for and I served to protect may be lost forever.

The 2nd amendment is NOT about hunting or sport shooting, it is about the citizenry having the means to protect itself from tyranny and the loss of rights. Take a lesson from the tragedies that have occurred in Serbia, Egypt, Syria, and numerous other places where the general citizenry was not armed. They had to endure oppression at the hands of those that held power in the form of dictatorships and through the enforcement of the standing army and police forces while having no recourse.

That is not to say that our country is at that point in 2013, but it is our DUTY to protect the 2nd amendment rights for FUTURE generations to prevent such tyranny from ever gaining a foothold and the possibility of such oppression that our country's founders fought against.

Our young country has already had a horrible civil war and it was only through the fact that the citizenry was armed did the disputes get settled.

If you, as our elected officials force this through, in legislation forged by emotion at breakneck speed and allow our rights to diminish without TRUE thought and open debate, you are forgoing the legacy that you swore to uphold in your office.

Every civil servant and military member takes an oath to "protect and defend the constitution from ALL enemies, both foreign and domestic".

I urge you to reaffirm that oath and DON'T pass gun control legislation that would turn law abiding citizens upholding their 2nd amendment rights into criminals. By passing restrictive gun control legislation you would only serve to take away our rights, make it easier for violent criminals, and do no good toward the real issues behind the recent tragedies.

Sincerely,

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