

I am a father of two, a first grader and a 2 yr old, as well as a responsible gun owner. Please do not let emotion take over intelligent and critical thinking on these matters. The acts that occurred in Newtown are horrible and until a month ago unthinkable.

Please do not put laws in place that will mostly affect the law abiding citizens here in CT. Banning guns will not make any significant mark on stopping the untimely deaths of anyone young or old.

Based on the statistics from the CDC website, in 2009 there was 3927 homicides per 100,000 reported in the NVDRS states(AK CO GA KY MD MA NJ NM NC OK OR RI SC UT VA WI) out of that only 119 per 100,000 were caused by a rifle, not necessarily a semi-automatic/modern sporting rifle. This can be found at <http://wisqars.cdc.gov:8080/nvdrsDisplay.jsp>

There are reasonable steps that can be taken that will make a much greater long term solution without treading on any rights we currently have.

The following are things I believe should and should not be done to help minimize potential dangers...

1. Please close the loop holes that allow anyone including felons to purchase any gun from private citizens or gun shows.
2. Please make background checks to include not only criminal but also mental health registries (In order to get through the issues with HIPPA, it should only be another factor of the PASS/FAIL. No information to the FFL about why a FAIL occurs whether it be from criminal, domestic or mental health reason)
3. Please put the State in a position to do the classes for conceal carry permits, not the dealers trying to sell the guns.
4. Please do ask for ID when purchases of ammo are in process.
5. Please do maintain the current laws against TRUE assault weapons...automatic fire, etc.
6. Please do consider stronger laws and sentencing for criminals who obtain and them also use illegal firearms in the commission of any crime.

1. Do not ban a gun (semi-automatic rifles/modern sporting rifles) that I can use to protect my family from many that may someday intend to do harm to them. Please do not tell me you know what that may or may not be in the future.
2. Do not ban the size of a clip that I can own and use. If in the future a group of people maybe as few as 5 decide to invade my house to do me and my family harm, I should not be worried if I will run out of ammo just before successfully defending my family.
3. Do not require useless renewal of permits, that are only a money maker for the state, when at the time of legal purchase a background check is already required to determine that the permit holder is still legal to purchase the firearm.
4. Do not hurt many of the manufacturers here in CT, we need those jobs and we should do everything we can to protect those.

Please take the time to consider all other options, rather than just taking away the guns and equipment some feel are needed to protect our families under our Constitutional Rights.

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Sent from my iPad

