

No amount of legislation will ever replace moral values, good character or sound decision making. I am not proposing inaction. Inaction is not the solution, however introducing legislation that will only affect law abiding gun owners like myself will not stop crime.

Connecticut currently has an assault weapons ban on the books. How has that legislation fared in Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven? Criminals are walking the streets knowing that a punishment for a violent crime amounts to a slap on the wrist. Some criminals wear prison time as a badge of honor with their peers.

An unstable family life and poor education are the root causes of violent crime. To deny that fact and to blame firearms is misguided and uninformed. If children grow up with poor role models, they are destined for failure.

I am in support of stiff penalties for violent crimes committed with a firearm. This acts as a deterrent for criminals who are considering a crime, for whatever reason they may have. It also keeps bad people behind bars where they belong. Animals who threaten, injure or kill others have no place in a free society. They belong behind bars.

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