

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to provide insight to the gun violence task force. I am a husband, father of three beautiful children, and a local business owner. The tragedy that struck Newtown was a terrible event that shook not only our community and state, but also the world. I was so thankful to see my children at the end of school that day, and counted my blessings. I do feel sorrowful for those who lost loved ones, and have been praying for not only them, but all of those affected by this tragedy. I do know that what happened that day is unfortunately a result of societal decay, and a system that hurts the lawful and allows the mentally ill, and evil to operate in light of current laws on the books.

I do know that we live in a world that acknowledges self, and lack of willingness to take responsibility for one's own actions. Because of the societal decay of morals, and lack consequences for actions on many levels, evil is able to continue its carnage.

The event in Newtown was an evidence of evil. The Bible tells us that "the heart is desperately wicked above all things, who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9. The laws that are currently on the books in CT or the proposed laws would not stop evil in any way shape or form. The laws prevent people with morals, and direct opposition to evil to operate within a framework that is suitable to society. Unfortunately those who would carry out evil do not abide by the laws, nor are stopped by those laws. If you can honestly for one moment look at all of the laws that were broken in the tragedy in Newtown, illegal possession of a firearm, trespassing, bringing a weapon on school property, automobile theft, murder (in order to get the guns) just to name a few. Do you really think that having a ban on the number of bullets that can be carried or banning "assault" rifles would have changed the outcome. We already have a ban on "assault" weapons as it is. We need to think clearly and logically, not in a knee jerk reaction to try and do something good.

Do you realize that in 2011 in the state of Connecticut that only one person was killed with a rifle? Where is the sound logic in banning something that was used to kill one person? How many people in CT died from cell phone use, prescription drugs, hands, feet, hammers, cars, etc., but there is no talk of banning any of those mentioned. We need to be logical, and not following the agenda of those who

look to disarm as a means of safety. **“Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety” Benjamin Franklin 1759.**

From the President on down to our Governor and local officials these words have been spoken in an effort to disarm not to help our security or freedom. “If we can do anything to save just one child, it will be worth it.” To use this argument is hypocrisy. Do you know that over 13,000 children in that state of CT were murdered last year? That’s right, murdered. You ask how can that happen, where did it happen, when did it happen? I will tell you, that you already know that answer and are hiding behind a false statement to protect children by banning guns, ammo, or magazine capacity. The answer you refuse to acknowledge is that of abortion. Abortion that happens daily with or without parental approval or knowledge. If you care so much about saving one child, think on this, because the voting population is for sure.

I am a law abiding citizen with certain God given rights. If you can recall the second amendment states that is shall not be infringed. What you are proposing is infringement. Any act to change the constitution, or amendment’s should be weighed very carefully as it is treason to do so. Our founding fathers had more insight that many would give credit for. They knew that evil was present and would only grow more powerful as the love of oneself would outweigh the love of others. They constructed our constitution and amendment’s to prevent what is trying to happen here and now.

Let me be clear, to infringe on the second amendment is treason. It will not only limit law abiding citizen’s ability to protect themselves and loved ones, but would allow those that would inflict harm on us in any way, shape or form, to do so. We have clearly seen that maniacs will try to carry out their evil plans regardless of the laws. I ask that you strongly consider the ramifications of disarming or limiting the citizens of CT’s ability to protect and defend. I ask you lastly, do you really want the blood of innocent people that are not able to defend themselves on your hands?

Respectfully,

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