

Monday, January 28, 2013

Dear Representative Miner (Hi Craig),

Thank you for your service and for representing me in Hartford. (and for attending the League of Women Voters Legislator's Breakfast)

According to the FBI there were 8,583 gun related homicides in 2011. A steady decrease since the 10, 129 deaths in 2007, but I think we can do better.

I am in support of changing our gun laws in an effort to decrease the number of homicides committed with guns. In particular I am in favor making the internet purchase of ammunition illegal. See Connecticut OLR Research Report 2012-R-0390. I believe that this will be beneficial in limiting the use of guns already on the street, legal or illegal.

I also support a ban on large capacity ammunition magazines that contain more than 10 rounds

On a federal level I support the reinstatement of the Federal assault weapons ban, which expired in 2004, and I oppose the proposed national right-to-carry reciprocity act that have been introduced in the U.S. Congress—that would permit out-of-staters to carry concealed firearms into CT, even though they could not be licensed to carry weapons in this state. Additionally at the federal level, I implore you to preserve the suitability standard, resisting efforts to take away the discretion accorded to local public safety officials when it comes to determining if an application for a gun permit is approved.

Thank you for your time and attention,

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