

Dear Task Force and Committee Members:

I was at first dismayed and then angered at the announcement in the papers that Governor Molloy now intends to eliminate final public hearings on the issue of gun violence in Connecticut. In attempting to bypass the normal legislative process and thus the citizens response and input, Governor has decided that he and he alone knows what is best for the citizens of this state. This is a rush to judgment that tramples on the rights of law abiding citizens and seems to be caught up in the frenzy of being the "first responders" to take away constitutional rights and impose ineffective and costly bureaucratic hurdles which neither address the real issues nor resolve the horror that happened at Newtown.

I have heard and read the expression "the rest of the country is watching Connecticut" and this is supposed to be the "shame" we will face if we don't instantly "do something". What kind of justification is this for creating law? Let's stick to the facts. We are only now getting some information from "leaks" from the State Police on the Newtown shooter and if these are true, he was psychologically disturbed and allegedly in need of committal to an institution.

What is Governor Molloy afraid of? That the onerous restrictions he wants to place on law abiding citizens will look, in the light of day and reason, quite simplistic and totally ineffective?

You have been elected our Legislative Representatives to represent the people in the formation of legislation. I don't like the increasingly aggressive power grabs happening at both the State and Federal levels of our country. Please take this letter as a call to stand up against this Executive Branch power play on this matter and insist on full public hearings on these issues.

Sincerely,

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