



James Field Spallone
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE STATE
CONNECTICUT

January 29, 2013

Cliff Tyler
2429 Mill Plain Road
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Dear Mr. Tyler,

Thank you for your letter regarding recent debates on gun control and gun violence. I understand your concern and appreciate your correspondence as a citizen to the state of Connecticut.

At the Office of the Secretary of the State, we are working hard on issues for our citizens regarding voting and business development. However, our office does not directly address gun control and safety. I will forward your letter to the Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety. This special task force has been recently announced to develop recommendations designed to reduce gun violence, enhance school safety, and increase access to mental health care. I assure you that they will better utilize your opinion.

If you would like to contact the task force directly, you may e-mail public hearing testimony to asaferconnecticut@cga.ct.gov. Thank you once again for your correspondence. I hope you will find this response helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Spallone". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

James F. Spallone

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January 21, 2013

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James Spallone
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Dear Mr. Spallone,

I am a concerned tax payer and I would like to voice my opinion on some issues regarding gun control. Wouldn't it make more sense to make tougher laws for criminals than law abiding citizens ? For Example, if someone uses a gun for a robbery they should have mandatory jail time or even if a person is caught with a gun and has no permit to carry it, they should also have mandatory jail time. Criminals do not care about how many rounds a magazine is supposed to hold by law, they intend to break the law anyway. I am not a gun owner, but if I ever wanted to get a gun for protection I don't think I should be treated like a criminal for wanting one. The laws that the Government are trying to pass about magazine capacities are ridiculous, who should decide how many rounds someone may need if ever they needed to protect themselves or their child's life, I would want as many as possible. From what I understand, if someone in Connecticut wants to get a pistol permit, they have to take an NRA safety course, get finger printed, have a background check done and get approved by local and state police. Some towns even want character letters from 3 people that are not family members. I believe in our Constitution and also believe they should NOT be changed or chipped away at.

I ask that you spend more time focusing on criminals than the law abiding citizens.

Thank You,



Cliff Tyler