

For your consideration.

I, as a voting resident of the State of Connecticut, am requesting that any proposed bill concerning new Firearms Legislation follow the standard practices used in any other type of new law in our State. To attempt to force a bill through Emergency Legislation is contrary to our very basis of governing. You, as the representatives of ALL citizens of Connecticut, must understand that it is your duty to ensure that only laws which truly serve a well defined and **valid** purpose are enacted, and that this is NOT done at the restriction of those current lawful members of our society. To legislate to feeling or emotions, while disregarding the root causes of issue, is to fail the responsibility you have been given.

Given the vague, contradictory and ill placed punitive content of the vast majority of the bills proposed, fast tracking new laws is not the answer. It has been mentioned many times in the past weeks how our State fails in enforcement of those laws we now currently have in place. To believe that any new regulation would create a safer society is intellectually dishonest.

The measures called for by those directly affected by our recent tragedy have included the placement of full time security in the most vulnerable areas of the public. This, I am sure, is the correct first step. We, you, have also been taken to task for the failure of a mental health system which has been allowed to wither in recent decades, facilitating the void we now have with a truly disconnected portion of our society. Help strengthen and repair that system. Return our State to a place of financial stability so that we can allocate the funds where they are needed most. Do not believe that by legislating to an agenda that you are helping any of us.

Many have spoken that true change will take time. A desire to force dishonest law upon our people is not why you were elected.

Respectfully,

Derek Cabral