

My name is Don Currey and I reside in East Hartford CT. I preface my comments and suggestions by informing you that I am a responsible gun owner. I grew up in upstate NY in a community surrounded by farms. Our guns (rifles and shotguns) were used to harvest meat for the table just like our tractor and hoe were used to harvest the crops. Today, I still enjoy the outdoors, hunting, helping the environment, and harvesting wild game for the table. That being said, I recommend moving the already existing line banning certain weapons to include a ban on assault weapons. Please keep in mind that when it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it is a duck. Don't allow minor design changes by manufacturers to circumvent the system that would allow similar weapons to be purchased by the general population. Next, for discussion purposes, let's look at three (3) categories of gun buyers. The first category includes those who have successfully completed a pistol permit application and safety course. The second category includes those who have successfully completed a CT hunter safety course. The third category includes those who have not successfully completed any gun safety training program, however, can still purchase a rifle, shotgun, or assault rifle. I recommend a mandated gun safety training program similar to the training provided for those in categories one and two. Also, with this training in place, private sales of guns other than handguns, could not be transacted without the buyer having a pistol permit, CT hunting license, or a gun safety training certificate. In addition, I support a mandate that trigger locks be included with any gun purchase. This is an inexpensive cost and would encourage safe storage of guns. Also, I support a comprehensive background check and waiting period (similar to pistol process) for the purchase of any firearm. This background check would be required for sales at dealer shows, etc. In closing, I encourage you to follow the lead of President Obama and Governor Malloy and formulate and make a recommendation that will help protect our society. Thank you.