

February 5, 2013

Dear Gun Violence Prevention Working Group,

Subject: Task force on gun violence and children's safety – Project Longevity

In the wake of the Newtown tragedy, I have been following the discussion and legislation being presented to address gun violence, mental health, and school safety.

I have a suggestion on how to reduce gun violence and crime in general.

Suggestion 1:

“More than a year ago, law enforcement officers from Hartford, the surrounding suburbs and state and federal agencies began quietly collecting information about the city's most violent criminals.... The Hartford Shooting Task Force has identified the 75 to 125 people responsible for most of the city's serious crimes.....(1)”.

Let us continue to fund and support proven anti-gun violence programs, like New Haven's **PROJECT LONGEVITY** that aims to quell violence by pinpointing those individuals that are most often responsible for the violence and crime. Then hold them accountable and encourage them to turn their lives around.

Attached is the full Hartford Courant article “Hartford on the Cutting Edge of Anti-Gun Initiative”, by Jenna Carlesso that appeared on January 21, 2013. I encourage you to read it and support similar successful anti violence programs in more of our cities.

If I can be of service to the commission, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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