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Good day my name is Dylan Begin,
I'm opposed to the many new gun control proposals because the gun isn't the issue. The real issue here is being able to get mentally ill people the desperate help they need. It is a tough issue with HIPAA laws as they are currently written. I don't understand why everyone keeps saying Adam Lanza used an assault weapon when Connecticut already has an AWB in place. The gun he used might have been an ARMA LIGHT-15 but it wasn't an assault weapon under CT law. You are allowed two defining features out of the many that define those weapons. Even if you place a law stating you can only have one feature or even none all you have to do is look at California's AWB and see people still own ARMA LIGHT-15s because the features do not make the firearm function. You can remove the pistol grip for a fixed stock-grip combo, you can add what is called a bullet button which makes it so the magazine is no longer considered detachable. You can as we already do in CT with our AWB remove the bayonet lug and as we already do in CT either have a bull barrel or have welded in place a muzzle brake which will not let you add a flash suppressor or flash hider. These firearms are semi-automatic (one shot per trigger pull) just as most other rifles are. NOT full auto I think that gets confused? New Full auto has been banned since 1984. These firearms might be BLACK and look scary. But you should never judge a book by its cover. I know guys who have black powder muzzle loading conversions for target and hunt with it and I also have a disabled friend who has a special permit to hunt with a crossbow and again he uses his ARMA LIGHT-15 with a crossbow conversion for it. This firearm is one of the most popular in the United States of America. People say but they are only going after some guns not your pistols or hunting rifles. Well I look back to 1966 at a Texas university shooting a gunman killed his wife and mother then went up in the clock tower and killed 14 people and wounded over 30 more. All he used was a Remington 700 bolt action with a three round internal magazine. My question is. If someone does that again are they gonna come after the bolt actions next. And where does it stop? We should be blaming the perpetrator instead of the object used.
As it goes with the proposals to limit magazine capacities this isn't a good idea because all it will do is limit the capability of a law abiding citizen to defend themselves or their family. You see I saw a video where a man used 7rd magazines and was able to shoot and reload 3 times in 4.79 seconds. Using a standard pistol. A person bent on murder and mayhem usually goes into those situations focused and calm and as we've seen time and time again able to reload several times. But you see the normal citizen will NOT be able to do that because in a life or death situation you need as many options i.e. bullets as possible because in that situation you are going to be scared and shaking and you might even wet and soil yourself you most likely will not have the dexterity or the capability of changing out your magazine. (Shock effect). As law abiding gun owners the many of us in this room understand that we are responsible for every round we fire whether it be at the range or in self defense in our homes or on the streets or wherever we might be. We take on that responsibility knowing full well the consequences of a missed shot. I can go on for hours about crime stats and such but all I will say is there are more lawfully owned guns out there than there have ever been and according to the FBI.gov our violent crime rate has dramatically decreased over the last 20 years. To a rate lower than the UK's found at homeoffice.UK website per 100k people. People talk specifically about gun crime but you need to look at violent crime as a whole because you can just as easily kill someone with a blunt object. It actually does kill more people in the country on a yearly basis than guns do. Please do not limit my rights as a free man.
In closing I would like to thank you all for this time and would be happy to answer any of your questions.

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