

## **Letter in opposition to new senseless laws that violate the second amendment.**

### **Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety**

Dear members of the task force,

Let me first express the sorrow for the loss of life that occurred in New town. Every gun owners was touched by the tragic events that happened that sad day in December.

With that said, you are looking to criminalize and punish every law abiding citizen for the actions of one deranged mentally sick individual. If a mentally sick individual like the one in Newtown wants to do harm he will regardless of what new laws you pass.

People are asking for commonsense approach to gun control and then introduce senseless laws that will not only not help but it will endanger the life of the Connecticut citizens. They go from one bullet only guns to ridiculous taxation on ammunition and releasing names and addresses of law abiding pistol permit holders.

Please do research on how many criminals will obey any new law that passes. If you think that any criminals will say: I can't use this gun to commit crime because it has a large capacity clip or I have to surrender my rifle because it doesn't conform to new laws. I propose we also have a psychological test before someone runs for public office. You are only affecting law abiding citizens.

Please find below a list of new proposed laws and my position on them.

Thanks,

Ed Menegazzo  
Bridgeport, CT

Bill#	Bill name	My Stand/Question	My Position
<a href="#">HB-5112</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS HOLDING HANDGUN PERMITS.	Did you hear all the problems this caused in New York? This could be one of the worst things you could do for people that do not have firearms.	AGAINST
<a href="#">HB-5268</a>	AN ACT REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE BY FIREARM OWNERS AND ESTABLISHING A SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION.	The only insurance that one should have on guns is so that you can buy a new one in case something happens to the old one.  It is unfair that ammunition gets taxed at higher rate. We got our independence from England due to unfair taxation. Criminals do not go to the range or farm to do plinking or practice. This law will only affect law abiding citizens and will do nothing to help or reduce crime.	AGAINST
<a href="#">HB-5269</a>	AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CRIMINAL USE OF A FIREARM OR ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPON.	Isn't this already illegal? How is it going to help making it more illegal?  We would be better served by enforcing existing laws and stop releasing criminals from jail before the serve their sentence. Repeat offenders are the problem	AGAINST
<a href="#">HB-5452</a>	AN ACT REQUIRING GUN OWNERS TO CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE.	This is illegal taxation out right.	AGAINST
<a href="#">HB-5561</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.	How is this going to be funded? The state is broke as it is.	AGAINST
<a href="#">HB-5647</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH CAPACITY FIREARMS.	This is a violation of the second amendment. Stop infringing on my rights. Please read the constitution  Do you think criminals will abide this law?	AGAINST
<a href="#">HB-5654</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSEHOLD ACCESS TO FIREARMS BY A PERSON WHO POSES A RISK OF IMMINENT PERSONAL INJURY TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS.	This law has the potential of being abused.	AGAINST
<a href="#">HB-5656</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR A CRIME COMMITTED WITH A FIREARM.	This is already illegal. How is it making it more illegal going to reduce violence?  We would be better served by enforcing existing laws and stop releasing criminals from jail before the serve their sentence. Repeat offenders are the problem.	AGAINST
<a href="#">HB-5676</a>	AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM PENALTY FOR ILLEGALLY SELLING OR POSSESSING A FIREARM.	This is already illegal. How is it making it more illegal going to reduce violence?  We would be better served by enforcing existing laws and stop releasing criminals from jail before the serve their sentence. Repeat offenders are the problem.	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-1</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS FROM VIOLENCE.	This will only affect law abiding citizens by infringing on their second amendment.  Criminals do not obey the law. We would be better served by enforcing existing laws and stop releasing criminals from jail before the serve their sentence. Repeat offenders are the problem.	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-122</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON GUN USE.	This is the most restrictive law in the country and serves no purpose. This is an outright violation on the second amendment of the constitution.  Do you think that criminals will surrender their firearms? NO. This will only affect law abiding citizens as we will be left defenseless against criminals.	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-124</a>	AN ACT BANNING LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES.	This law will only affect law abiding citizens and we will be left defenseless against criminals.  Criminals will not be affected by this law. You are only punishing law will only affect law abiding citizens	AGAINST

<a href="#">SB-140</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FIREARM OWNERS AND SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION.	<p>The only insurance that one should have on guns is so that you can buy a new one in case something happens to the old one.</p> <p>It is unfair that ammunition gets taxed at higher rate. We got our independence from England due to unfair taxation. Criminals do not go to the range or farm to do plinking or practice. This will only affect law abiding citizens and will do nothing to help or reduce crime.</p>	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-161</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE.	<p>This is an outright violation of the second amendment and is the most restrictive law ever. This law if enacted, will make every man, woman and child in the state vulnerable to all types of crime. This law would ban 99% of all guns and would take away the god given right to defend myself and my family.</p>	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-207</a>	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF FIREARM-RELATED INJURIES AND DEATHS.	<p>Any registration of firearms should be prohibited. We should learn from history and remember that every government that has had firearm registration has had confiscation.</p> <p>In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control. From 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.</p> <p>In 1911, Turkey established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.</p> <p>Germany established gun control in 1938 and from 1939 to 1945, 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.</p>	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-207</a>	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF FIREARM-RELATED INJURIES AND DEATHS.	<p>China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.</p> <p>Guatemala established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.</p> <p>Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.</p> <p>Cambodia established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million 'educated' people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.</p> <p>Defenseless people rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control: at least 56 million.</p>	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-307</a>	AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.	<p>This is a waste of money.</p>	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-377</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PISTOL PERMITS.	<p>unrelated and unconstitutional</p>	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-42</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION.	<p>If they are not allowed to have a firearm what good is a law not to allowed ammunition?</p> <p>Enforce existing laws</p>	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-495</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING COMMISSION OF CERTAIN FELONIES WITH A FIREARM OR ASSAULT WEAPON.	<p>Committing crime is already illegal. Using a gun while committing a crime is also already illegal. It hasn't stop criminals.</p>	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-496</a>	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE AWARD OF RISK REDUCTION CREDIT TOWARD A REDUCTION IN SENTENCE FOR A CRIME COMMITTED WITH A FIREARM.	<p>There should be no reduction of sentences for any reason. Prison is for punishment. All criminals should be made to serve their sentences.</p>	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-501</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS.	<p>this is a redundant law and an outright violation of my second amendment</p>	AGAINST

<a href="#">SB-504</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING LARGE CAPACITY GUN MAGAZINES.	This law will only affect law abiding citizens and we will be left defenseless against criminals.  Criminals will not be affected by this law. You are only punishing law will only affect law abiding citizens	AGAINST
<a href="#">SB-505</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE A RIFLE.	It makes no sense that we will give young men and women fully automatic rifles at less than 18 years of age and send them abroad to fight and endanger their lives to protect our freedoms and then prohibit them from buying a rifle in their own country. If they are old enough to fight and die for their country, they are old enough to buy a rifle. This is an outright violation of their second amendment.	AGAINST
<a href="#">HB-5165</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON'S HOME, MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUSINESS.	It makes sense that everyone should be able to defend themselves or any other person in danger of having a crime committed against them.	IN FAVOR
<a href="#">HB-5176</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.	This law makes sense and should be extended to voter registration. NO BIRTH CERTIFICATE, NO VOTE.	IN FAVOR
<a href="#">HB-5179</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE SYSTEM OF THE SPECIAL LICENSING AND FIREARMS UNIT OF THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE.	Should be open 24/7/365	IN FAVOR
<a href="#">HB-5651</a>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OR POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION.	I have no problem with that but how do you propose we do it?	IN FAVOR
<a href="#">SB-506</a>	AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PRIVATE FIREARM SALES.	This law makes sense. I have no problem with running a background check on people buying guns.	IN FAVOR