

I understand there are a number of proposals under consideration dealing with firearms in the state of Connecticut.

Connecticut currently has some of the strictest gun laws in the country. While the Sandy Hook shooting was a tragedy you must remember that it was a result of **an individuals' actions** with stolen firearms. There are no laws you can pass that will affect the individual **operating outside the law**.

- Laws pertaining to registration of firearms and or ammunition...affects only the law-abiding owners and would not have prevented Sandy Hook.
- Laws levying special taxation on ammunition and firearms...affects only the law-abiding owners and would not have prevented Sandy Hook.
- Laws requiring gun owners to carry special insurance... affects only the law-abiding owners and would not have prevented Sandy Hook.
- Laws pertaining to magazine size... affects only the law-abiding owners and would not have prevented Sandy Hook. The Sandy hook shooter had multiple magazines with him. If they all had just 10 rounds, he would have still been able to accomplish his horrible deed because no matter how many rounds in the magazine, the fact was that he was unopposed. Only when the police began to arrive to oppose him did he stop his shooting and kill himself.
- Laws designating certain currently popular firearms as "illegal" or a popularly misused term, "assault weapons" when they factually are not... affects only the law-abiding owners and would not have prevented Sandy Hook.
- Laws pertaining to general gun registration, re-registration frequency and increased fees for said process... affects only the law-abiding owners and would not have prevented Sandy Hook.

In addition to the above, at a time when our economy as a state and country is challenged, we can't afford to be passing laws that will place even more demands on our already stretched government resources for no visible or verifiable benefits: feel good or looks good is unacceptable and irresponsible. Beyond this, these considerations will most certainly do damage to the firearms industry and related companies, increasing unemployment at a time when we should be looking to do just the opposite.

The beauty of the constitution is its simplicity. The Second Amendment is clear except to those who wish to interpret it to fit their own agenda. The proposals for "reasonable gun control" are attacks against this part of the constitution.

I ask you to avoid the emotions running rampant and stop to consider:

- Specifically how would anything being proposed actually stop or have prevented Sandy Hook.
- Guns have always been prevalent in this country. Before the late sixties and on you never had these types of shootings even though there were many guns and few gun control laws...what has changed...why?
- There are thousands and thousands of laws on the books regarding guns...none of them stopped or prevented Sandy Hook...what makes someone think that "all we need is some new laws"
- The following quote ..."Foolish liberals who are trying to read the Second Amendment out of the constitution by claiming it's not an individual right or that it's too much of a safety hazard don't see the

danger of the big picture. They're courting disaster by encouraging others to use this same means to eliminate portions of the Constitution they don't like." - Alan Dershowitz

In summation, there are hundreds of thousands of firearms in the hands of an equal number of law-abiding citizens who have done no wrong... (Millions across the nation). Please don't use the actions of lawbreakers to penalize the many who are not.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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