

As a honest and law abiding gun owner in CT., I am as appalled as anyone at the violence that took place at Newtown CT. We all want this tragedy to never happen again, but it's our methods that separate pro-gun from anti-gun.

My fear is that by hurrying to do something while the public is outraged, we focus on feel-good measures that have failed in the past or are too easy to work around (assault weapon ban), ban high capacity magazines. They give the impression you are doing something when they will have little to no real effect.

New York State is a prim example. One part of the bill they rushed through the legislature would ban magazines that can hold more that 7 rounds. Ownership would not be grandfathered.

When our grandfathers and fathers left the military after serving this country in world war 1 and 2, they were allowed to purchase their side arm. A Colt 45 automatic. Well guess what, these full size pistols have a magazine capability of 8 rounds. Most target 22' s have a magazine capacity more than 7 rounds. Probably 98 % of all semi automatic pistols would be illegal to own. With the governor's signature these are now outlawed and the folks who own them criminals. Of course the element of our society who doesn't obey laws could care less.

So let's apply some common sense to the problem including better and earlier recognition of the mentally unstable and effective counseling for troubled students in our schools. I am not against strong and effective background checks. No one wants the guns out of the hands of people who would do us harm more than responsible gun owners.

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