

Task Force Members,

My name is Elizabeth Chomka. I live in Branford, CT. What happened in Newtown, CT was a tragedy, but since then, the focus has been on taking away the rights of law abiding citizens instead of working to prevent violence. Criminals would not be impacted; they don't obey the laws we have now, and they certainly will not start obeying any new ones.

Regarding specific bills:

HB-5112 would only be harassment to permit holders. In my opinion, it is no one's business that I own a firearm.

HB-5268 would only make it more difficult for the law abiding citizen to purchase ammunition. Criminals would find a way to acquire ammunition without paying a 50% tax, and will not start buying liability insurance for their illegal firearms.

SB-122 Having only one round in a firearm offers virtually no protection. Even if you hit the target, one round would probably not be enough to stop someone who's trying to hurt you.

SB-124 would give criminals the advantage over law abiding citizens. Furthermore, a magazine can be changed in less than two seconds, so this bill is worthless.

SB-140 would make it more difficult for law abiding citizens to purchase ammunition, while criminals would still find it without paying 50% tax.

Passing these bills will not make anyone safer. CT already had strict gun laws when the Newtown tragedy occurred. Please oppose further restrictions on those who legally own firearms in this state.

Thank you,

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