

Dear representative,

I am a resident and registered voter from Redding who feels very strongly that we need more gun safety in Connecticut. I also feel that we, the majority who do not have or want guns, should not subsidize the few who like to shoot. We should have the freedom to take our children to school without the fear of gun violence. My belief is that the cost of whatever increased measures are needed to make our community safer, like more patrols at schools and other public places and increased medical care to victims of gun violence, should be funded by taxes levied on ammunition and gun sales. These taxes could also fund an education campaign about the dangers of firearms and safety procedures, as well as gun buy-back programs.

I further request that you propose legislation in Connecticut that will:

- 1 Strengthen the assault weapons ban by requiring that all weapons having military features be banned and that existing weapons defined as assault weapons be destroyed, turned in to law enforcement or removed from the state.
- 2 Ban large capacity ammunition magazines of more than 7 rounds and that existing magazines of more than 7 rounds be destroyed, turned in to law enforcement, or removed from the state. New York State has just adopted law that established the 7-round limit.
- 3 Require permits and universal background checks on ALL sales and transfers of guns, including long guns.
- 4 Require registration of handguns with annual renewal. Require: annual fee and annual background check for all handguns owned; require that the owner stipulate that the guns are still in their possession or explain how the gun was transferred to another person; require safety inspection every three years.
- 5 Make gun owners liable for negligent storage if any person gains access to firearms and injures himself or another person or causes damage to property. The violation would be a Class D felony.
- 6 Ban the right of way for transportation of firearms and ammunition bought over the Internet.
- 7 Tax ammunition sales and require a license/permit to purchase any gun or ammunition.
- 8 Restrict handgun sales to one gun/month.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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