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Gun Violence Prevention Working Group
Connecticut Legislature
Hartford

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Connecticut State Legislature;

I am writing to urge you to address the gun violence issue by drafting and passing laws which will: a) ban the sale of semi-automatic assault weapons to private citizens in Connecticut; b) ban the sale of large capacity clips (more than 10 rounds); c), institute a system for comprehensive background checks for purchasers of all firearms, hand guns and rifles, with no exceptions for gun shows; and d), require registration and a permit for current owners of semi-automatic weapons. The local/state firearm regulator should be able to access the national crime computer database to check all gun purchase applicants, just as any police department can currently access the database from his or her patrol car when making a simple traffic stop. As the form attached to this letter indicates, Connecticut already has strict requirements for firearm licensing. These same restrictions should be applied to firearm purchases. Additionally, the State must appropriate the funds necessary to effectively enforce the law. Finally, Connecticut should support establishment by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of a national database for tracking firearm sales from manufacturer to point of retail sale, to prevent illegal gun sales, and to be able to quickly track weapons used in a crime.

I am a hunter and owner of firearms, hold a Connecticut permit to carry a concealed handgun, and believe in the Second Amendment. Nevertheless, I wholeheartedly support stronger gun control to reduce violent crime. The Second Amendment does not allow unlimited access to any type of weapon. When the Constitution and Bill of Rights were drafted, we carried single shot muskets! Stricter gun control to prevent those with criminal records or mental illness is not a “gun grab”, or abrogation of the Second Amendment, as those who oppose stricter gun control mistakenly allege. Recent polls conclusively indicate that a majority of law abiding citizens and firearm owners support the measures proposed.

If the public were to be shown the coroner’s photos of the mutilated bodies of the young children who had been shot multiple times by the Newtown, Connecticut gunman, there would be no credible opposition to stricter gun regulation. It is society’s moral obligation to protect its citizens, especially those who are most vulnerable – our young children and innocent bystanders in a mall, theater, or other public place. Another Newtown or Aurora must not be allowed to happen because we have gone back to “business as usual”, or allow an organization like the NRA, which represents a tiny fraction of Americans, to block sensible gun control legislation.

Yours sincerely,

G. Warfield “Skip” Hobbs
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**Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Division of State Police, Special Licensing & Firearms Unit**

Instructions to Applicants

Pistol Permits – New	Pistol Permits – Renewal In-Person	Pistol Permits – Renewal by Mail
<p>1. A valid Temporary State Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers (DPS-11-C) must be presented in person at DESPP Headquarters.</p> <p>2. Proof of legal and lawful presence in the United States is required. Acceptable forms of proof include a birth certificate, U.S. passport, or documentation of permanent residence from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.</p> <p>3. Payment of a \$70.00 fee is required, either by check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" or exact cash payment.</p> <p>4. Your photograph and signature will be taken at DESPP.</p>	<p>1. All pistol permits may be renewed in person at DESPP Headquarters 90 days prior to expiration or up to 90 days after expiration. No permit can be renewed after the 90 day grace period following the expiration date.</p> <p>2. Confirm the accuracy of the information on DPS-129-C. If corrections are required, draw a single line through any incorrect information and write in the correct information. Present the corrected form to DESPP.</p> <p>3. Bring a \$70.00 check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" or exact cash payment.</p> <p>4. Your photograph and signature will be taken at DESPP.</p>	<p>1. Out-of-state pistol permits may be renewed by mail. Effective 10/1/11, in-state renewals may also be completed by mail.</p> <p>2. Confirm the accuracy of the information on DPS-129-C. If corrections are required, draw a single line through any incorrect information and write in the correct information. Sign the corrected form in the presence of a notary prior to mailing.</p> <p>3. Using transparent tape, attach a 2" x 2" color passport photo, taken within the previous 6 months, in the box provided. Include a \$70.00 check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." Do not send cash.</p> <p>4. Proof of legal and lawful presence in the United States is required. Acceptable forms of proof include a birth certificate, U.S. passport, or documentation of permanent residence from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Do not send originals.</p> <p>5. Include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope.</p>

Renewals for Armed Security Officers (Blue Cards/Class 1) and Bail Enforcement Agents (Gold Cards/Class2)

1. Follow the instructions above for Pistol Permits – Renewal In-Person.
2. An additional check or money order for \$62.00 is required, made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut."
3. Include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope.
4. Armed Security Officers must submit a DPS-1030-C annually as proof of completion of the handgun qualification refresher course.

Eligibility Certificates (New & Renewals)

1. New applicants must complete the DPS-799-C and DPS-164-C, and sign it in the presence of an official when your photo is taken.
2. Submit an affidavit signed by an instructor certified by the State, the National Rifle Association, or the Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection stating that the applicant successfully completed a safety or training course in the use of pistols or revolvers. Such statement shall specify that the instructor was so certified at the time that he taught the course, and shall include the full name of the applicant, and the date, location and duration of the course.
3. Submit a complete set of fingerprints with separate checks or money orders to cover the federal processing fee of \$18.50 and the state fee of \$50.00, both made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" for the required criminal background checks.
4. Submit an additional check or money order for \$35.00 made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" for the processing of the Eligibility Certificate.
5. When applicable, criminal and/or mental health records must be submitted (C.G.S. 29-36g).
6. Renewal applicants must submit a DPS-129-C and follow instruction for pistol permit renewal above including citizenship and legal resident all-in requirements.
7. Include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope.

Current schedules, and hours and directions can be found at www.ct.gov/despp - click on Special Licensing & Firearms link.

SEE IMPORTANT NOTICES – REVERSE SIDE

NOTICE

Pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 29-28, 29-32, 29-36f and 29-36i and 18 U.S.C. § 922, applications covered by these instructions will not be issued or be renewed, if:

1. You have a **FELONY CONVICTION** in any jurisdiction.
2. You have a **MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION** in Connecticut of one of the following crimes:
 - a. Illegal possession of controlled or hallucinogenic substances, as specified under C.G.S. 21a-279
 - b. Criminally negligent homicide - 53a-58
 - c. Assault in the third degree - 53a-61
 - d. Assault of a victim 60 or older in the third degree - 53a-61a
 - e. Threatening- 53a-62
 - f. Reckless endangerment in the first degree - 53a-63
 - g. Unlawful restraint in the second degree - 53a-96
 - h. Riot in the first degree - 53a-175
 - i. Riot in the second degree - 53a-176
 - j. Inciting to riot - 53a-178
 - k. Stalking in the second degree - 53a-181d
3. You are an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802)).
4. You were **CONVICTED** of a **MISDEMEANOR CRIME** of **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**.
This means an offense that (1) is a misdemeanor under federal or state law; and (2) has, as an element, the use or attempted use of physical force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon, committed by a current or former spouse, parent or guardian of the victim, or by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, or by a person who is cohabiting with or who has cohabited with the victim or spouse, parent, or guardian, or by any person similarly situated to a spouse, parent or guardian of the victim.
5. You were discharged from custody within the preceding 20 years after having been found **NOT GUILTY OF A CRIME BY REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT** pursuant to C.G.S. 53a-13.
6. You were **CONFINED TO A HOSPITAL** for any psychiatric disability (C.G.S. 17a-495) within the preceding 12 months by order of a judge of a probate court.
7. You are subject to a **RESTRAINING ORDER** or **PROTECTIVE ORDER** issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force.
8. You are subject to a **Firearms Seizure Order** issued pursuant to C.G.S. 29-38c prohibiting possession of firearms.
9. You are an **ILLEGAL ALIEN** in the United States.
10. You are **UNDER** the **AGE** of 21 years.
11. You have renounced your United States citizenship.
12. You have been discharged from the Armed Forces under a dishonorable condition.
13. You are prohibited by federal law, Section 922 (g) or (n) of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Please direct any questions regarding your status to the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit in person at DESPP Headquarters, Special Licensing & Firearms Unit, 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, CT. 06457 or by telephone at (860) 685-8290. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 4:15 pm. Please note all locations will be closed on State and Federal holidays. No appointments necessary.

EFFECTIVE November 5, 2012

Troop C – Tolland 1320 Tolland Stage Rd., Tolland Ct. 06084, telephone 860-896-3271 - 1st full week of every month
Troop E – Montville 1-395 N (between exits 79 & 79A) Montville 06382, telephone 860-848-6539 – 2nd full week of every month
Troop L – Litchfield 452 Bantam Rd., Litchfield Ct. 06759, telephone 860-828-7916 – 3rd full week of every month
All hours at the above Troops are: 7:30 am – 11am & 11: 30-2pm Monday through Friday

Troop G Permit Office in Bridgeport, 149 Prospect St, Bridgeport Ct 06604, telephone (203) 696-2532
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8 am – 12 pm & 12:30- 4 pm; Thursday 11 am – 2 pm & 2:30 – 7 pm.
(New Hours Effective May 28, 2012)

Please note Troop locations will be closed on State and Federal holidays. No appointments necessary. Troop location may be closed during inclement weather.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) herein notifies the applicant that the DESPP will be notified by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services if the applicant has been confined in a hospital for psychiatric disabilities within the preceding twelve (12) months by order of probate court. DESPP will use this information in order to fulfill its statutory obligations.

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