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**Opposition to all Proposed Gun Control Legislation** – January 28, 2013

We all have experienced a horrific tragedy with the Newtown/Sandy Hook event. The first thing that came to my mind was, “Oh My God” ... Why?

I’m sure that I am not alone with these thoughts. As horrific as it was, I also thought, “Here we go again with the gun laws.”

All of the media, to this day, only talks about the BAD guns and never discusses the BAD guys; the who and why of these tragedies.

As a sportsman for many years, I now have to feel guilty, every single day, about the fact that my hobby and passion for the shooting sports is being deemed as “a Bad Thing”. I am continually defending a right afforded to me by both The Constitution of the United States and The State of Connecticut.

Article 1, SEC. 15 of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut reads as follows:

*“Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.”*

The second amendment of the Bill of Rights reads as follows:

*“A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.”*

In review of proposed legislative Bills to be presented before you today, all appear to infringe upon our rights as free, moral, law abiding citizens.

We have respectfully followed all of the current Laws set forth by the state, have committed no crimes with our firearms, yet we are forced to bear the brunt of all of the proposed restrictions set forth by these legislations.

You know as well as me, that those who do not respect our Laws will not obey them regardless of their content and will “do whatever it takes” for them to achieve there misguided intentions. This is where the focus should be. I will be more than willing to assist in any way possible with the exception of giving up my rights set forth by our constitutions.

As elected officials, just like our military and law enforcement officials, you took an oath when you began your service in public office. I believe it reads as follows:

*“You do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the state of Connecticut, so long as you continue a citizen thereof; and that you will faithfully discharge, according to law, the duties of the office of.....to the best of your abilities. So help you God.”*

Please remember this as you consider alternative solutions to the problem of violence, NOT gun violence in our ever changing world.

Thank You.

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