

With all of the bills being proposed in light of what happened in Newtown, much of what I read isn't about fixing the problem in a common - sense way, while respecting the 2nd Amendment, but leaning towards utilizing this terrible tragedy either as an avenue to raise revenue or disarming the good, law - abiding citizens of Connecticut. Gayle, I do not own any so - called " assault style " rifles, however, I do not believe banning them is going to get them out of the hands of criminals. Do you seriously think that the criminal will turn it in if it's made illegal? I think not, and this is foolish to believe this. Also, limiting ammunition magazine capacities will not accomplish the intended goal, either. The criminal will just get multiple magazines, that's all. And in reference to this; what do you do with those of us who have handguns that hold 15 or 20 rounds in their magazines? Handguns have magazines that fit internally; there is one size for the gun only. Unlike an assault - style rifle, they do not snap into a location on the lower part of the barrel, sticking downwards. They fit inside the handle of the gun. Yes; you could load a lesser amount of projectiles ( bullets ) in a magazine if a limit is made into law, but if the magazine itself is outlawed, then the gun is rendered useless and / or honest citizens now have become criminals. This is terribly wrong. I'd like to offer what I feel are totally common - sense solutions to go forward to help prevent horrible situations like this from ever happening again, while respecting the rights of firearms owners. There are only a few issues that I am passionate about when it comes to our freedoms, and this is one of them. I will list these recommendations below. I would appreciate you reading them and getting back to me with an answer.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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- 1) Require the purchase of a gun safe ( and proof thereof ) prior to being allowed to purchase a firearm. I have one myself; it's close to 400 lbs., and anyone trying to break into it would have to use an incendiary explosive to do it.
- 2) Close Gun Show loopholes, as to where there is no background check done. I've never purchased a firearm at a Gun Show myself, and each time I have in a Gun Store I've had to show my permit AND a quick background check is done prior to me taking receipt of the firearm. This should be the case with Gun Shows. Honest citizens should have nothing to hide.
- 3) A psychological evaluation should be included in the application process for a permit to carry a firearm. And, possibly, every 5 years with the renewal, too?
- 4) Ammunition - this proposal to me, is the TRUE key. Treat ammo as we treat firearms; require either a permit to carry OR the 14 - day wait that we require here in Connecticut ( while a background check is done ) to purchase ammo. Additionally, all ammo should be " lot coded " not only on the box, but also on the casings of each and every round. And when you purchase it, this lot code number is recorded in a data base. This would make it totally traceable.

I will look favorably to a reply from you.