

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of much stricter gun legislation in the state of Connecticut and in the United States. I would be in full support of Connecticut (and the United States of America) adopting Australia's gun laws and offering a gun buy-back or drop off program. However, if this is not a possibility, there is one gun law that I think would have the same or better impact. I would like to see any gun owner held responsible for the lifetime of their gun(s). This would mean that from the moment of ownership/purchase, that person and ensuing persons, would be held accountable for any future action of the gun – any crime or attempted crime, robbery or attempted robbery, murder or attempted murder, or accident. They should be willing and held accountable to serve a minimum of five years of jail time if a gun they own or have ever owned is used to do one of the previously mentioned things. There should be a six month lead time to the enactment of this law that allows current gun owners to turn in their guns and absolve themselves of ownership of those guns. If they do not do so, or purchase other guns, they should be held accountable for the actions of the lifetime of those guns. This would help in 1) reducing the demand for such guns 2) limiting second hand sales (b/c the original owner would still be held accountable for the gun actions) and 3) preventing gun negligence. If someone owns a gun, that person would then keep it locked up so safely it couldn't be stolen, taken or borrowed by others. Since the NRA seems to so strongly fight any attempt at tightening gun laws and banning assault weapons, they should be in full support of a simple law like the one I've outlined. Second amendment should not overpower a U.S. citizen's basic right to safety.

Please contact me to learn more about my views and ideas.

Regards,

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