

I am writing again today to ask that you not support any anti-gun bills that come as a result of emergency certification.

Emergency Certification on firearms related bills is not the correct use of our legislative process. The people of Connecticut deserve hearings on specific firearms bills that are raised by a committee only.

This is the way our legislative process was designed to work and this is the way it should work.

Connecticut has long been known as the Constitution State. Please, do not allow anything to happen that would make a mockery of that moniker, by passing ill-conceived and knee-jerk legislation. I have heard it said "The eyes of the nation are on Connecticut." This may be true, but surely we don't want them to see us make the mistakes the New York Legislature did? Mistakes that are already being legally challenged and overturned by local laws. Approval ratings have dropped across the board in New York.. all the way up to the Governor. Even New York Sheriff's have publicly said that none of the laws passed will do anything to make anyone in New York safer.

I have read statements from some of our legislators that they feel the e-cert process is needed simply because if it is not used then they will have a hard time passing or be unable to pass these proposed laws. Isn't that a good thing? Isn't that how the system is supposed to work? By circumventing or short-circuiting the normal legislative process aren't we breaking the system? If a bill - any bill - cannot make it through the normal legislative process on it's own merits, then that bill should not pass.

Again, I ask that you oppose any bill that comes to the House or Senate via Emergency Certification.

Recently, the Governor has released his "Common Sense" plan for gun reform. This plan is anything but common sense and will do nothing to make the citizens of Connecticut safer. Instead it would erode the rights of lawful citizens even further and turn many into criminals with the stroke of a pen.

I would like to politely remind all legislators that they work for the citizens of Connecticut (not the Governor), and that we, the people, are watching what they do and how they will vote on these issues. These rights are extremely important issues to millions of Connecticut's law abiding firearm owners and each and every one of the proposed bills will only affect us. Not the criminal, not the madman, just average law-abiding citizens of Connecticut who choose to exercise a right.

I truly hope that the thousands and thousands of emails, letters and phone calls are sinking in. I hope that the fact that the citizens who showed up for the Gun Violence Prevention Committee hearings in opposition to more gun control outnumbered the people in favor of it by more than 100-1 has sunk in as well. Each and every single poll I have seen shows that the majority of people in this state are AGAINST more gun control, magazine bans, registrations, and "Assault Weapons" bans/expansions. Please listen to us.

We do not need additional gun laws. Please, enforce the current laws and lengthen prison sentences for criminals that conduct violent acts. Pass laws that make it easier for people who need help to get the help they need. Do not pass laws that infringe on rights guaranteed by both the US and Connecticut Constitutions.

Thank You Again for Your Time,

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