

I am writing this as a concerned citizen and law-abiding gun owner.

I have read that legislative leaders in CT are still planning on bypassing the normal public hearing and committee process in order to push through laws involving gun-control, mental health, and school safety using the e-cert process.

I am writing to tell you that, not only do I oppose more gun control, but I oppose bypassing the chance for the public to speak directly to the legislators at a public hearing. The public hearing dates back to the beginnings of this nation, and is one of America's founding principles. Our elected officials must NOT sidestep this process. The three public hearings the working groups conducted are NOT ENOUGH as the citizens of this state did not have an actual bills to speak about, only generalities. The citizens of Connecticut deserve a chance to speak for or against any specific bills drafted by the Committees as per the usual legislative process.

As someone who has taken part in public hearings in the past, I do realize they can be long and arduous.. I also know that they are necessary.

Elected representatives in Hartford should NOT plan to enact gun control laws without giving the people a chance to be heard. Legislators are voted into office to represent our views, why are they not prepared to hear them on such an important issue?

I ask that you not allow this to happen, and give the citizens of CT the time they deserve.

Thank You for Your Time,

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