

Dear CT Council,

I want to urge you to be reasonable, calm, collected, and intelligent when thinking of proposed gun-control legislation. I would like to also encourage you to find the root cause of the gun violence issue, and not sway with the recent popular surge of anti-gun activism.

Increasing the legislation, the legal hoops, that a responsible gun owner has to go through, in order to obtain a weapon, will not solve anything. It will not keep guns out of the hands of criminals, nor will it stop any violence. Criminals, in their most basic sense, are defined as those who do not follow the laws. Also, creating a back dated law which requires the confiscation of all types of weapons will not help at all. All this will do, is result in lengthy legal proceedings, inconvenienced lawful gun owners, and criminals equally armed.

In order to fix the problem, I would propose we institute better background checks. Beef up the background check data base, know who is able to, and who is not able to, purchase a weapon. Look into mental stability help, to get at the real root cause of all these problems, troubled individuals. Be it a pencil, apple, or semi automatic weapon, if a troubled individual is determined to wreak havoc, they will do so.

So while I do not porport to be legislator, nor a legal expert, what I am, is a responsible and law abiding citizen of CT. Whatever the outcome of the hearings are, I will follow the rules and comply with the laws. Criminals, will not, nor will they care. Please, do not further burden the law abiding, to the benefit of the law-breaking.

We do not need more unenforceable rules. What we need, are to enforce the rules we have. It is not always the easy way that is the best solution, in fact, usually it is not. Violence is a tough problem, and in order to solve this problem, you have to treat is as such. Only once we tackle this difficult problem at it's core, the people themselves, will we ever see results.

A Proud CT Gun Onwer.

Sincerely,

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