

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to request that your efforts in the prevention of gun violence be made in a fair-minded manner. When horrors such as the one which took place in Newtown on December 14th occur, it is very hard to keep emotions in check when reacting to the aftermath. As both a parent and sports shooting enthusiast, I realize that the determining the methods that can be used to help reduce the likelihood other such incidents will be a daunting task. The safety of our children and communities is of great importance, but this too must be balanced against the rights granted to individual citizens under both the state and federal constitutions.

A pendular swing to the extreme in terms of gun (and ammunition) control will impinge the right that law abiding citizens have to protect themselves and their families while also impacting those who safely and legally engage in sports shooting, hunting or collecting.

Any measures should look at a broad spectrum of issues such as more stringent background checks, closing loopholes, more frequent licensing, safety training and proficiency testing. In addition, other factors including, but not limited to, mental health care issues and the societal view towards violence need to be part of the mix.

Please take the time to do this right and avoid jumping to hasty conclusions.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregg Bulan
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