

Dear Members of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group,

I support any and all efforts to restrict ownership of guns, ammunition, magazines and other gun-hobby-paraphernalia in Connecticut. While I understand that limits exist with respect to a State Legislature's power in this area, especially as lawmakers approach the realm of handguns and hunting rifles, I don't feel that these limits remove a populations right of attempting (and continuing to attempt) measures to ensure public safety.

While many will argue this issue with moral, historical and other forms of absolutism, I don't see it that way. In a public health issue, your responsibility as legislators is not to remove absolutely all harm from the public domain. Your responsibility is to find reasonable limits to recognized rights that balance and enshrine the responsibilities of citizenship. Your guide should be the regulation of automobile use: stop signs, speed limits, licensing, DUI laws, etc. We have reduced driving fatalities not by banning cars but by building a legal framework that encourages a reasonable level of safety. Everybody has the right to drive, but not however, wherever and whenever they want.

With respect to gun laws, please "lower the speed limit" in any ways you can find.

Thank you,

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