

I am writing you to voice my concern about knee jerk gun legislation, brought about by the tragedy at Newtown. Let me first say that I don't own a so called "Assault Weapon" nor do I own 30 round magazines. My opposition to further gun legislation is because I think it takes attention from the real issues. It is easy to demonize the guns, pass legislation that will do nothing to stop this kind of violence, and then forget about the real problems, violence in our society, mental illness, and the systematic removal of God from our educational system. Everywhere it has been tried, without exception, punitive gun legislation has brought about an increase in gun crime. Criminals are already breaking many laws, one more would hardly make a difference to them. As an example look at Chicago, they have perhaps the strictest gun laws in the US, and yet the highest gun murder rate. How come their Draconian gun laws don't prevent that? Food for thought.

Thank you for your time, and I hope I can count on you to bring some calm sense to an obviously frantic Senate.

Your Truly,
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