

Dear Commission members:

The Newtown murders are tragic. As a parent of a 15 year old I find these murders heinous. Such actions are unimaginable and, by definition, unforeseeable.

There has been no similar tragedy in the history of Connecticut. Statistics show students are safer in Connecticut schools than in their homes. Despite the incredibly remote possibility of a similar occurrence there has been a rushed call for firearm legislation under emergency certification, bypassing the committees tasked with reviewing and bringing legislation to a vote.

There have been proposals to ban new classes of "assault weapons"; to restrict possession of commonly owned firearm magazines; to publish the names of law abiding Connecticut pistol permit owners; and innumerable more.

I have not heard any discussion that Connecticut already has some of the toughest firearm regulations in the country; or how these proposed laws can be effective when criminals do not follow the law; or the fact that the FBI statistics show the previous national assault weapons ban had no effect on crime; or the fact that despite 170,000 registered pistol permit holders and hundreds of thousands of firearms in Connecticut, violent crime is dropping in Connecticut overall.

I have heard no discussion of how the proposed regulations will affect Connecticut businesses such as Colt; Mossberg; Ruger; Okay Industries and many other businesses that supply parts and services to the firearms industry or how the proposed regulations will affect Connecticut's stagnant economy.

And, I have not heard any logical explanation of how those proposed laws can stop an insane madman determined to carry out murder.

**I do not support any new regulations that limit firearms or magazine capacity in Connecticut.**

I do support actions to better help our Connecticut citizens with mental problems. I do support enforcement of the current laws on criminals. I do support tougher penalties on criminals that commit crimes using a firearm.

Respectfully,

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