

Dear Governor Malloy,

I am writing to you today to express my deep concerns over the Lawmaker's proposals on gun control and I am urging Lawmakers to vote NO today and I am urging you NOT TO SIGN THE BILL if passed today in the state legislature.

Quite frankly, the bill's provisions, to put it mildly, are stupid! They do nothing but punish law abiding citizens and legal gun owners and more importantly, do nothing to stem gun violence or prevent another Sandy Hook from happening in the future.

Let us look at just one provision of the bill - to limit ammunition magazine capacity to no more than 10 rounds. The bill would allow me to fully load my 13 round magazine for my Browning BDA 380 while in my home, but if I go out shopping with my wife or out to dinner with my family, I now have to drop 3 rounds. But then if I go to the range, when I get there, I can once again fully load 13 rounds into the magazine. Don't you see how stupid this is??? Who does this law protect??? Criminals??? Certainly not me and my family! I went through the CT permit process, purchased my gun legally and now I can't carry my gun outside my home the way it was originally designed and manufactured.

Again, how does this law protect anyone but criminals???

So let's say that one day, I accidentally load the magazine with 11 rounds and I get pulled over for a tail light infraction, and the trooper discovers the illegal extra round in my otherwise legal gun, will I then be charged with a crime? One that will result in my CT pistol permit being revoked and my guns confiscated? My only clear choice if the law is passed is to never use my 13 round magazines and to incur the cost to buy 10 round magazines, assuming they are even available from the gun's manufacturer.

The bill being voted on today puts law-abiding citizens at a grave disadvantage to criminals, who will not comply with the ammunition magazine or firearm restrictions or any other provisions of the bill because criminals will still access and use illegal ammunition magazines and firearms.

As a Connecticut resident and legal gun owner, I am asking that Lawmakers vote NO and not be so quick to rush through meaningless legislation.

Go back to the drawing board! Yes, there was a call to action in the wake of Sandy Hook but unfortunately, I don't believe that the stricter gun control that is about to be voted on is the answer. It certainly is not the ONLY answer. To solve the problem of violence, Lawmakers need to spend more time and effort working on real solutions that will provide educational and economic alternatives to individuals prone to gangs, drugs and violence and to work on strengthening the mental health system that may someday identify, diagnose, treat and isolate sick and unstable individuals such as Adam Lanza and the Aurora suspect if they really want to do something.

Sincerely,

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