

Honored Members of BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE ON GUN VIOLENCE,

I would like to express my concerns about proposed changes to gun laws in CT.

As a gun owner and father of 2 school aged children, the Newtown tragedy hit very close to home. I, like all parents, want to do all I can to keep my children safe. I realize that we should enjoy every moment we get to spend with our children.

For our family, shooting is one activity that we all enjoy together. We often spend a Sunday at the range together shooting a variety of firearms from antique black power arms to modern sporting arms. Some of the firearms we legally and responsibly stand to be banned by your proposed laws. My children are worried that they will never to own firearms that have been passed down through generations of our family.

Most gun violence is committed by criminals who have no gun permits and are using unregistered stolen guns.

There are many things you as politicians can do to make our children safer from gun violence without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

- Crack down on illegal gun trafficking. A criminal can purchase a gun on the streets of New Haven faster and easier than legal permit holder can at a gun shop. This needs to stop. Set up an undercover taskforce to catch these illegal gun dealers.
 - Support HB5561
 - Support HB5676
 - Support SB307
- Increase the penalties for using a firearm in a crime. People who commit a crime with a gun should spend long time in jail. No slap on the wrist, reduced charges or reduced sentences.
 - Support HB5269
 - Support HB5676
 - Support HB5656
 - Support SB495
 - Support SB496
- Make it easier for people to get help for loved ones who have mental issues.

When considering changes to gun laws please think about changes that will actually reduce gun violence and will not infringe upon our right to bear arms.

Thank You,

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