

Members of the task force on gun violence,

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My Name is Jeff Soracco I am a salesman in the medical industry , husband, father of 2 Samantha 13 ,Tanner 10, Uncle Jeff, Coach Jeff and a legal gun owner with a permit to carry. If legislation is changed to the proposals laid out, I would be considered a criminal. I AM NOT A CRIMINAL!

I choose the 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. I choose it because it is my right, I choose to protect my children and wife.

AMENDMENT II

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

The tragedy in Newtown CT was unimaginable. Let us look at it retroactively. The murderer went to a sporting goods store in Danbury on Dec 11th and was denied the ability to buy a gun. Our gun laws that are in place did their job. A criminal is a criminal if they have it in their mind to do something they will. The only way this deranged murderer was able to get access to guns was to murder his mother. The so called "assault weapon" the ar15 was reported by the Today show and MSNBC to have been left in his vehicle and not used in the school . The link below is the video that reported this information.

<http://video.today.msnbc.msn.com/today/50208495#50208495>

I oppose any knee jerk reactions to change gun laws in CT. CT has some of the toughest gun laws already in the country. We have our own AWB (Assault Weapon Ban) already in place.

Congressman Jim Hines in a recent email response to my position on gun laws stated " Now is the time". Why is now the time ? Because the media and all anti gun supporters feel this is the best and most vulnerable time to remove our second amendment right. When you look at the facts of what transpired leading into Newtown a new Assault Weapon Ban would have done nothing (the AR15 was NOT used in the murders of 26 innocent people). The murderer killed his mother to obtain her guns. When you look at the facts all you can get out of it is, this is the time to "push through" new gun laws and capitalize on a tragedy.

Let me give you an example on how ridiculous this sounds when compared to another tragedy. A drunk driver kills a family with his car. Do we create legislature to ban all cars. NO! we don't. We look at how and why this happened and we EDUCATE to prevent this from happening. According to www.drinkinganddriving.org "In America on average, nearly 12,000 people die every year in DUI-related accidents." As a nation we have not banned cars or alcohol we have organizations like MADD to educate and to try and prevent.

The gun Laws proposed are not the answer to protect our children. I do support comprehensive background checks . The best answer I can come up with on how to protect my children and all children is the following. When a bad guy has a gun you call a good guy with a gun. When you hear a noise in your home at 2am you call 911 with the hope that a Police Man can arrive quickly with a gun to protect you. We have armed guards everywhere, malls, movie theatres, parades, road construction, protecting the president. To me my kids are just as important as the president and his children. I feel they should be just as secured in school as the presidents children. So how do we do this? We remove the gun free label that we advertise to all the criminals out there saying this will be easy pickings. Second we either hire or allow an existing member of the school administration to carry their gun concealed to school and provide that person with extensive police training on how to defend the lives of innocent children and teachers if an attack occurs.

Banning certain guns and size of magazines is not the answer to protect our children. Creating legislation to tax 2nd amendment rights is not the answer either nor is publishing a list of gun owners so all the criminals will target where they can get their next gun.

Please do not pass legislation that infringes on my 2nd amendment right to bear arms. I am a husband, a father , coach Jeff and a law abiding citizen. Don't "decide" to make me a criminal. I am not a criminal.

The legislation this task force is reviewing to change will only affect law abiding citizens like myself. Criminals are not going to hand in guns!

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I feel it is an infringement on my right to bear arms to tell the citizens of CT what types of guns we can own and how large our magazines are.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinions.

Sincerely,
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