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Gun Violence Prevention Working Group  
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300 Capital Avenue  
Hartford, CT. 06106

Re: Public Hearing on Gun control measures scheduled for January 28th:

Dear Senators and Representatives:

I'm a third-generation resident of Connecticut with roots dating back to the late 1800's. My family has contributed much to this state and our beloved nation through military service and commerce. My uncle (father's brother) proudly served during World War II with distinction. Colonel Eugene J. Epstein landed in Normandy with the Big Red One, fought his way through the "Bulge" and finally into Germany. Along the way, he liberated a Nazi death camp that was later placed under his command until the remaining survivors were healthy enough for release. My paternal grandfather's brother, along with his son, fought as partisans in Belarus. To avoid capture, they both committed suicide by clutching hand grenades to their chests after running out of ammo in a firefight with the Nazis.

Based upon my family history, rest assured that I fully understand the significance of our cherished Second Amendment. It was written to guarantee the continuance of unalienable rights bestowed upon us by our creator. The Second Amendment has nothing to do with hunting or shooting sports but guarantees our ability to defend ourselves against all threats, foreign and domestic. Specifically, our Founding Fathers drafted the Constitution and the accompanying Bill of Rights to protect our citizenry from tyrannical subjugation.

I am deeply patriotic and committed to the Republic. In fact, I've selflessly devoted the past ten years of my life to counter-terrorism - combating a sworn enemy which has yet to be properly identified, or defined by politically-correct forces within our own government. An enemy that, with Barak HUSSEIN Obama's blessing, has infiltrated the highest levels of our governmental infrastructure: the Pentagon, State Department and the Department of Justice. Terrorist Muslim Brotherhood operatives have not only seized control of the discourse but are now influencing the training curriculums and investigative processes of the entire Federal law enforcement community. Unfortunately, our political elite continue to turn a blind eye to this existential threat - with many in Congress betraying a sacred trust for personal financial gain.

America no longer resembles the country of my youth. JFK's famous exhortation, "... ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country ..." fails to resonate with a growing contingent of irresponsible Americans - the "entitled" class of leeches feeding off a unsustainable welfare system that was created by opportunistic politicians in exchange for votes.

Many patriots are convinced that we've already crossed the line into tyranny - opinions clearly reinforced by treasonous actions (transgressions) committed against the American People. We will not forget the clandestine gun-running operation known as Fast & Furious, nor the scandalous cover-up in the aftermath of Benghazi, both of which cost innocent lives. Nor will we remain myopic in relation to the Administration's nuanced stance toward the United Nation's small arms control initiative. Half-truths, deceptions, misrepresentations of fact and illegal dealings have clearly undermined the public trust.

Twenty-six innocent adults and children were slaughtered in Newtown - a massacre that rattled virtually every caring American to the core. (Except maybe those determined to let no crisis go to waste). However, the weapon (or weapons) employed were not evil by nature and are nothing but tools - valuable instruments of freedom. The responsibility, for the carnage, lies with the lunatic who orchestrated the attack. Realistically, emotionally-charged legislation cannot prevent the occurrence of such evil acts of bloody cowardice. If anything, encroaching on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners will make all of us less safe.

Let's not understate the government's complicity in failing the victims of mass shootings in places like Virginia Tech, Aurora, and Newtown. Clearly, the imposition of "gun-free" zones has rendered people defenseless in the face of sociopaths who are committed to murdering innocents. Additionally, the mainstream media's never-ending coverage catapults these homicidal cretins to instant stardom - thus, seeding the bed for copycatted acts to follow.

As you deliberate safety concerns, I urge you to both consider your sacred responsibility to uphold the Constitutional rights of your constituents. and to explore ways to make our schools and other "soft targets" less opportune. According to recent polling data, the majority of New York gun owners, including several lawmakers, will choose civil disobedience over compliance with Cuomo's newly-imposed, unconstitutional mandates. Additionally, over 70% of Americans will not comply with any Federal registration schemes, or the reinstatement of an assault rifle ban. The State of Connecticut will fare no better from implementing draconian measures and will certainly face nothing but resistance and judicial challenges. The usurping of our Second Amendment rights, through the implementation of gun bans and restrictive magazine capacities, will have no bearing or impact on criminal elements, terrorists, or sociopaths. A far wiser approach would be to implement test-proven measures such as enforcing the laws already on the books and expanding facilities to treat those suffering from mental diseases - not penalize thousands of law-abiding citizens over the actions of a few.

In the face of the existential threat at our doorstep, posed by the genocidal death cult of Islam, no responsible citizen would trust the safety and wellbeing of their loved-ones to government. Escalating sales volume of firearms and ammunition underscores the fact that our citizens understand that law enforcement is not responsible for the provision of protective services - a contention well-supported by court decisions. All of you will be held accountable for your actions by Connecticut voters.

Respectfully,

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