

Jan. 28, 2013

I am here, today, to address this task force committee, for a few reasons. I object to this whole process. The reason I object is multiple:

- A. I do not know what controls/legislation you are thinking of implementing. Because of this, I do not know whether I accept or reject them, so I cannot make a case for or against.
- B. The declaration to push through, whatever you come up with, via an "emergency certification" process is flat out wrong. Gun violence legislation is not an emergency, nor should something that could fundamentally change our unalienable right to self-defense be rushed through, with no chance, for any of us, to address our concerns on your proposal.
- C. This whole process has been thrown together, due to the horrible tragedy in Newtown. A tragedy, committed by someone who broke a multitude of your laws. A tragedy that we have yet to know the facts. A process being propelled by emotions. To make "law" just to "do something" is a disservice to those you represent and the state as a whole.

I could research and provide statistics that show how personal ownership of various guns has saved lives. I could show stats on how gun violence has gone down, while gun ownership has gone up. I could point out how multiple reports are coming out concerning CT residents seeking gun permits has gone up dramatically, the past month...or the fact that people are flocking to gun shops to purchase whatever they can. But I am sure others have, or will be providing those stats, and more, to you.

CT does not need anymore "gun-control" legislation. CT needs to allow its citizens to be able to defend themselves anywhere within the state. Are you going to sit there and guarantee me (and the rest of the CT citizenry) that we do not need a 2nd, 6th, 11th, or 29th bullet to stop an assailant or multiple assailants? Are you going to sit there and guarantee me (and the rest of the CT citizenry) that whatever you decide will prevent another Newtown? Are you going to sit there and guarantee me (and the rest of the CT citizenry) that whatever you propose will make us all safe and free from fear of being victimized? Who are you to decide what is best for me, in my self-defense, what I am supposed to feel comfortable and safe with, in the form of protection? Who are you to infringe on my Rights as a law abiding citizen of CT and America?

Just because you make a law, does not mean that it is a good law, a just law, or Constitutional.

I would like to remind you, we, as citizens of the United States...and CT...already have our gun permit and control...it is called the 2nd Amendment, found within the US Constitution (the supreme law of the land). It permits, we the people, to have guns and it controls our government by prohibiting them from infringing on our rights. Along with that it is free...no fees, taxes, insurance, gun/ammo restrictions or whatever else you might try to cook up.

Sincerely,

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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.