

To: Co-Chairs and members of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group

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I have just read the White Paper Summary of Select Firearm Violence Prevention Strategies authored by Greg Ridgeway, Ph.D., Deputy Director, National Institute of Justice at <http://www.nraila.org/media/10883516/nij-gun-policy-memo.pdf>. The paper seems well researched, well thought out, and well written and provides some interesting and useful (and disturbing) conclusions.

Most disturbing to me is that Dr. Ridgeway concludes that almost all of the “gun control” measures being “discussed” at the state and federal level will have little or no positive effect on reducing gun violence or any other type of violence. Dr. Ridgeway goes on to conclude that the measures being proposed would have even a very small effect only if combined with universal gun registration and large scale confiscation (how can it be a buy back if the government never owned something?) of certain offending firearms and accessories.

This adds to my personal concern that the various gun-control ideas being pushed would not in any way have prevented the tragedy in whose name they are being pushed. I believe we are better than this.

I hope you will take this up-to-date information into consideration as Connecticut continues to debate various methods to infringe on Connecticut Constitution Article I, Section 15, “Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.”

Thank you for your consideration,

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