

I continue to hear it reported that we must enact “Emergency Gun Control” legislation, yet I see no “emergency”. The only “emergency” I have seen is the likelihood that as the facts about the proposed knee-jerk restrictions become known a more educated public will not support them.

In every case reported in other states where “emergency” legislation has been rammed through the legislative process, the resulting legislation has been deeply flawed. New York mandated products that are not available (7-round magazines) thus effectively outlawing almost every semi-automatic handgun on the market today (maybe not a mistake, after all). They also extended those civilian disarmament regulations to Law Enforcement as well, but they say they are going to “correct” that. Further, they made possession of a simple mechanical device, a magazine made of stamped steel or plastic and a spring, a felony more severe than many forms of assault and rape. New York legislators reportedly voted for the legislation with no idea what it contained, a true failure of their sworn duties.

Colorado is rushing through legislation that will reportedly ban all semi-automatic and pump-action shotguns, the shotguns most used by hunters, as “potential” assault weapons. Their legislation will also drive a prominent manufacturer out of Colorado. A proposed US Senate bill will reportedly make violation of a local gun control law a federal violation as well, even if the action in question does not violate existing federal law, making such person a “prohibited person”. The list goes on, the result being more waste, more violation of civil rights, and more damage to the credibility of our lawmakers.

I sincerely hope that you will not rush flawed legislation simply because certain “Leaders” become impatient with the democratic process and wish to impose their personal will instead. You would only be hurting the citizens of Connecticut and I believe “We are better than this”.

Thank you.

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