

Task Force Members:

I truly believe the State is embarking on a very precarious course if we proceed with a single comprehensive gun control bill via the Emergency Certification process, rather than let each bill proceed on the normal course of legislative approval.

If the final outcome is so onerous to those who believe their second amendment rights are infringed, it may just bring a Court challenge that could put the entire package in jeopardy, including those aspects that truly don't hamper individual rights, such as universal background checks for all sales including private sales, enhanced mental health checks, permits for all guns and permits for the purchase of ammunition.

Recently the NRA won a court challenge (reference 1) against the city of Chicago and Village of Oak Park on August 14, 2012, striking down their gun control laws. The court also awarded the NRA reimbursement of their legal fees to the tune of \$1.4 million in accordance with the federal law on civil rights violations.

It would be a shame if that became the ultimate outcome for Connecticut. I urge you to either lobby against using the Emergency Certification process or ensure the final bill does not include items that infringe on the Second Amendment and could invite a Court challenge, such as expanding the current assault weapon ban, magazine limitations, liability insurance and 50% sales tax.

Sincerely,

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Reference 1: <http://michellawyers.com/2012/nra-recovers-1-3-million-dollars-in-attorneys-fees-for-work-on-supreme-court-mcdonald-case-and-related-cases/>