

Please apply to the following working groups:

Gun Violence Prevention
Mental Health Services
School Security

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Honorable Representatives:

I am a law abiding citizen of our great nation who takes our 2nd Amendment very seriously. I was first introduced to firearms when I was a Boy Scout and the education I received thru this experience was invaluable, teaching proper gun safety and discipline. By the age of 13, I obtained the highest BSA honor by achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. This achievement was no small feat and the time I spent at the rifle range during summer camp was one of the key experiences that propelled me to pursue obtaining this honor at such an early age. Many years later, I am currently a supporter of the National Rifle Association and am a member of a local Sportsmen Association (North West Connecticut Sportsmen Association), where I enjoy competitive pistol, rifle, and trap shooting events.

All the above aside, I am deeply saddened by the tragic event that occurred in Newtown / Sandy Hook, CT at the end of 2012 and would be appalled if anyone with a good conscience wasn't. That being said, I am writing this letter in an attempt to preserve my right to bear arms. Based on this highly publicized tragedy, I feel those that do not support the 2nd Amendment are using this singular event as a lever arm to disarm law abiding citizens. Furthermore, what I find even more tragic is that those that don't support the 2nd Amendment are running around throwing rhetoric and proposing bills that are uneducated, don't make logical sense, and don't address the root of this tragic event and others around our great country. I am an engineer by education and work for a defense contractor, supporting our nation's Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps. Without identifying my employer, I would add that when any of our products fails in development or after being deployed, we immediately institute a process that is designed to get to the "Root Cause" of the failure. This process does not allow "knee jerk" solutions but, forces relentless investigative methods and the generation of smart solutions. Although this is a process that my company drives internally, I must also add that it is the same process that is used by any of the military divisions we support and is demanded by our military customers. The intent of mentioning my background is that I personally feel any anti-gun laws passed with emotion are not about addressing the true root cause(s) and are an illegal attempt to put forth hidden political agendas. I fully support smart change to prevent further similar incidents, but as a citizen I demand that our government follows a "smart" process to do so that is educated and not time sensitive.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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