

My name is Jonathon Ensign and I reside in Wethersfield Ct. I am a registered Democrat and member of the Connecticut Bar.

I am writing today to urge the committee to eschew recommending gun restrictions on the lawful possession of fire arms by law abiding citizens. They are a fraud on all those concerned with gun violence because they have proven not to work time and time again. Witness Chicago and Mexico where the strictest gun control laws are in place. To focus on gun control deprives law abiding citizens of their right to possess fire arms and detracts from the measures which would lessen gun violence.

Most gun violence occurs in our inner city neighborhoods.. To eliminate this violence, gun task forces need to be formed to go into these neighborhoods and remove these firearms from criminals who possess them. Secondly, gun crimes need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Criminals who commit crimes with a firearm should not be allowed to plea bargain away the gun charge. They are dangerous people and should be taken off the streets.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to avoid the quick ineffective fix of gun banning and really tackle the problem of gun violence in our inner cities

Thank you for your consideration.