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Honorable State Senators/ State Representatives
Gun Violence Prevention Subcommittee
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT. 06106

Dear State Senators/ State Representatives:

I am writing to you today as a target shooter, avid outdoorsman, dedicated community volunteer and law abiding citizen. I have retained a valid State of Connecticut pistol permit for almost thirty years. I truly believe with all my heart in the 2nd Amendment and that "shall not be infringed" means just that and I'm hoping you do as well. I will be pleased knowing that I don't have to remind you that in taking your oath of office you clearly stated that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut.

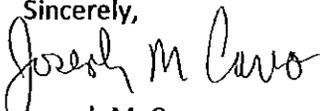
The tragic events that occurred in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14, 2012 are and will remain a great source of pain for the parents, relatives, first responders and our greater community for longer than any of us can imagine. I don't believe any of us needs a report from a panel of psychiatrists to enlighten us that this heinous act was carried out by a person with a defective mind. This madman, who we are still learning about, had deficiencies that went well beyond that of a normal reasoning human being. If you examine the facts; Adam Lanza DID NOT apply for nor did he participate in the due process to legally obtain a firearms permit. He DID NOT have the proper legal right to own or possess a firearm. He DID commit a murder when stealing the weapons he used that day. He then forcibly entered a "Gun Free Zone" which is a restricted area and committed 26 murders.

These facts tell me several things; unfortunately we as a society need to provide a safer environment at all our educational facilities. We need to examine how best to go about protecting our children and ourselves. We need to strongly enforce the laws regarding firearms that are currently in place. We need to ensure that non-law abiding or mentally unstable members of our society do not have access to firearms.

Please do not introduce, support or act hastily on legislation that will most likely be ineffective and/or unenforceable by nature. Any such laws limiting a firearm to a capacity of one bullet, limiting magazine capacities, restricting certain types of firearms, restrictions on ammunition inventory; although seemingly well intentioned, sadly none of these proposals **will ever prevent a similar tragedy**. Legal law abiding citizens once again will be trapped in the all encompassing government net collecting our rights and freedoms provided by our fore fathers.

These very freedoms were paid for by so many throughout our history who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We have a duty to honor their sacrifice to our great nation and that is why I'm asking you to support and defend our Constitution, our 2nd Amendment rights and ensure that "shall not be infringed" means just that.

Sincerely,


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