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To my elected officials,

As a resident of Connecticut and your constituent I am opposed to the new proposed gun laws. They are a legislative over reach and will infringe on my second amendment rights and unfairly punish me as a law abiding citizen.

As the victim of violent crime I personally know what it is like to be in a life or death situation. I was abducted, held captive and had a knife pressed up against my throat. Ironically this happened in a school parking lot in Connecticut. Most people will never understand what it is like to be in a situation such as this. I did not think I would live to see another day. Purchasing a hand gun and obtaining a carry permit has given me the peace of mind and protection needed to continue leading a normal life in the state of Connecticut, "the constitution state" which I so love. Unfortunately I do not have the luxury of an armed security detail as some of my elected officials do.

As far as banning high capacity magazines.... who are you to decide how many rounds I need to defend myself? How can you determine that I will only need ten rounds in a life or death situation? What if the eleventh round or the fifteenth is the one that will save my life?

Let's touch on a couple more proposed punishing restrictions..... renewing my permit every two years will put a unfair financial burden on me. This is looking for money from responsible gun owners and that is shameful. Criminals are not going to pay for permits. The other punishing restriction is taxing ammo at fifty percent and limiting the amount I can purchase. So here again I am being financially punished and now you are restricting my ability to practice at my shooting range. Oh and by the way the reason I practice at the shooting range is so I can better defend myself and continue being a safe and responsible gun owner.

In closing..... sadly and unfortunately the new proposed gun laws will not help prevent future tragedies and will unfairly punish law abiding gun owners.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

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