

Connecticut already has among the toughest gun laws in the country and making them more restrictive would only have negative effects. Some of the radical restrictions proposed would turn otherwise law abiding citizens into criminals. Criminals will still get their guns the way they always have, illegally. Mentally unstable people will still get their hands on guns knives etc. their own or someone else's regardless of new laws and/or taxes. The people who will really pay the price are law abiding, pistol permit holders and gun owners.

Unfortunately, some Connecticut legislators are going too far and are inappropriately exploiting the tragedy in Sandy Hook to introduce legislation that will not prevent future tragedies but will instead punish responsible firearm owners for the criminal acts committed by a deranged individual.

I don't have problem with armed security at schools, apparently a number of High Schools in the state have had it for a while, so why not at the elementary levels? Armed guards are already at Malls, banks, jewelry stores and children are used to seeing them.

The Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The Constitution of the state of Connecticut, Section 15: "Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state."

"You won't get gun control by disarming law-abiding citizens. There's only one way to get real gun control: Disarm the thugs and the criminals, lock them up, and if you don't actually throw away the key, at least lose it for a long time... It's a nasty truth, but those who seek to inflict harm are not fazed by gun controllers. I happen to know this from personal experience." - Ronald Reagan, 1983

Finally, we must do everything we can to uphold the rights of Connecticut's citizens to ensure that they are able to fully enjoy their **2nd Amendment rights**.

Respectfully,

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