

Sorry for all of the emails but this is VERY important - my friend sent this over so you can cut and paste if you want...I wrote my short, personal thoughts and then cut/pasted the rest. It took only a few minutes. Please do the same if you can! Thanks...Shari

As you know, today is the first public hearing for the safer gun law legislation proposed in CT.

The best thing you can do is attend the hearings in Hartford. For more info : <http://www.cagv.org/wp/>

If you can not be there, equally important is that you submit testimony by 11am to:

asaferconnecticut@cga.ct.gov

For inspiration, here is what I submitted, it is the CAGV (CT Against Gun Violence) proposal:

To the committee:

Please pass legislation that:

1. Strengthens our assault weapons ban with a focus on improving current list and strengthening functionality features; apply "one military feature" test to definition of assault weapons. Bans possession and sale with no grandfathering.
2. Bans large capacity ammunition magazines of more than 7 rounds. No grandfathering.
3. Requires universal background checks on ALL sales and transfers, including long guns.
4. Requires registration of handguns with annual renewal. Require annual fee and annual background check for all guns owned; stipulation that they are still in the possession of original purchaser or transferee; explanation for any gun still not being in their possession. Require safety inspection every three years. Charge fee on initial registration and renewal.
5. Make gun owners liable for negligent storage if any person gains access to firearms and injures himself or another person or causes damage to property. The violation would be a Class D felony
6. Requires permit/license to purchase and carry all guns, including long guns, and to purchase ammunition
7. Prohibits sales of guns or ammunition via internet to CT residents. 8. Restricts handgun sales to one gun/month.

Additionally, please consider:

50% tax on ammunition sales. Finished ammunition, not components.

Graded permits based on level of training and proficiency

Liability insurance required for gun owners

Microstamping of bullet casings

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