

My name is Ken Desjardins, I reside in Meriden Connecticut and I would like to submit my testimony in regards to the state of Connecticut's Gun Violence Prevention Working Group. I am opposed to any infringement of our constitutional 2nd amendment rights. I am opposed to limiting the amount of ammunition ANY firearm can hold, I am opposed to ANY type of semi-automatic weapons ban and mandatory registration of all firearms. I am also opposed to any sales tax increases in regards to firearms OR their ammunition and I am also opposed to mandatory liability insurance for licensed firearm owners in the state of Connecticut. However, I do support mental health, federal & criminal background checks to anyone seeking to purchase a firearm in the state of Connecticut. I also support the requirement of a state recognized firearms hunting license or firearms permit for the purchase of ammunition. Further, I propose and am in favor of an open carry law, a national CCW reciprocity law and a castle doctrine law in the state of Connecticut that shall provide civil immunity for persons using physical or deadly force to protect themselves from an attacker without duty to retreat. Be it also enforced that a wrongful death lawsuit cannot be filed as a result of such a defense. I also support a database for the registration of criminal use of firearms similar to our sex offender database. I would also ask that the state enforce the existing firearm laws already on the books, rather than attempt to create any new laws or legislation that would turn otherwise law abiding citizens into criminals. Please remember, Criminals will obviously not obey ANY law. Please do not turn the good citizens of CT into victims. I would like to close with this thought. You may not like GUNS and choose not to own one, You may not like GOD and choose to exclude him. However, if an intruder breaks into your home the first two things you will do is 1. Call someone with a GUN and 2. PRAY they get there in time

Sincerely, Ken M. Desjardins