

On the issue of gun control there is overwhelming pressure on you and other politicians to pass some of the most aggressive anti-gun laws in U.S. history. I understand your position and I certainly do not envy it; however that is no reason to throw logic and reality out the window. The debate for Connecticut's gun laws is full of absurd numbers skewed in favor of the anti-gun crowd, let me give you some unbiased numbers, from the FBI. Connecticut's Uniform Crime reports from 1994-2011 there were 2138 murders in state 361 by knife one of which was a dear friend of mine. 139 by blunt objects and the total number of murders by all rifles came to 36. With 3.4 million people in this state over 18 years the odds of being shot in CT with any type of rifle is roughly 1 in 971,500 let's put that in perspective. The odds of being struck by lightning are around 1 in 770,000.

The pocket knife I carry every day didn't stab my buddy 17 times and cut his throat, Benjamin James did. An AR-15 didn't kill those beautiful children, Adam Lanza did. This legislation will only affect honest law abiding citizens like me. Please don't let movie stars and T.V. talking heads push you into this feel good legislation that won't do anything to stop violence. We don't enforce the laws we have so why do we need new ones?