

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

With regard to guns, I believe high-capacity assault weapons should be banned. I believe that all gun should be regulated and taxed as personal property.

With regards to ammunition, I believe it should be regulated, that and taxed like alcohol and tobacco.

Finally, with regard to people, I believe that all gun purchasers should be subjected to background checks, including gun show and private sales.

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