

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am law abiding, tax paying, pistol permit holding, gun collecting, target shooting, occasional hunting, registered voting citizen of Connecticut. I, nor my hobby are in no way responsible for Newtown. I would like to remind you that Connecticut has the 5th most restrictive firearm regulations in the States and that still does not stop gun violence. The simple reason for that, is because the criminals, the mentally disturbed and those who just want to do harm will always do so. And do it by any means, weather they us a knife, a vehicle loaded with fertilizer or propane tanks, or as was attempted recently in Montville, a machete. Evil people will do evil things and penalizing someone as myself or my inanimate object *will not* stop them from doing their evil deeds. I honestly believe this mad rush to change our gun laws is a golden opportunity for political advancement of a political agenda and ideology. Not a response to help our children in school. If it were to help our children then we would allow certified employees to carry concealed firearms at school. If the principle or psychologist in Newtown had a firearm Adam Lanza could have been stopped before he got to the classrooms.

We must remove the barrier of "gun free zone", firearms are a part of our society and our founding fathers and documents meant for them to be. The reason is simple, good people with a gun will be able to stop bad people with a gun. More and more teachers and administrators in education are coming forward and telling of students they just move to another grade level that really should have evaluations on their mental state. And more and more teachers and administrators are showing an interest in concealed carry of a firearm. We should let them.

Lastly, it is important to remember that the 2nd Amendment is about ordinary law abiding citizens possessing firearms of the era in which they live. It is not about hunting deer or any other animal, the whole of our Constitution is about the limits on Government, not the citizens. It is not a question of "who needs 30 rounds to shoot a deer" that statement is pure liberal/progressive rhetoric. It is not a Bill of Needs it is a *Bill of Rights*.

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