

I certainly think our current gun laws need some modifications. I am a Redding resident with a business in Norwalk. Currently I am renting a house in Newtown with my girlfriend, whose younger son is in elementary school here. Although we are not in the Sandy Hook district, the kids who were there and escaped, along with the entire community both locally and in the broader sense have been effected. The stories of what happened are horrific, and when the inevitable books come out, the outcry for a solution will become even stronger.

That said, I think banning guns is problematic. Some types of ammo and guns can be restricted as NY has done, but I think the real solution lies elsewhere.

CT has a significant gun manufacturing industry and history, and I would hope these people are fully involved in solving this. I have a hard time believing they have not thought long and hard about it.

From my side as a parent (and I learned to use guns at an early age, but do not own any guns), I think those who sell guns and ammo should be responsible to ensure the suitability of those who are purchasing them, based on the following principles;

- a. Minimum training standards established by working groups of Gun manufacturers, retailers, public safety organizations (ie the police) and gun club / organizations, with anyone who sells guns or ammo responsible that those they sell the guns and ammo to a trained and of a sound mind.
- b. Liability Insurance of a reasonable amount (10 million?) must be provided by the manufacturers, which would be required to cover the retailers.
- c. Certification will be offered by FTO's Firearm Training Organizations.
- d. The more powerful the weapon / ammo, the more training will be required, and the higher class of License.
- e. The FTO will conduct background checks on all students before certification, by inquiring with; 1. Local Police, 2. the students Doctor and/or Psychiatrist 3. employer, school or whatever organization provides their income or care, as to their suitability for operating the weapon requested, and by the FTO making their own observations during the required training. If they do not have a Doctor or Psychiatrist, the FTO will provide one.
- f. The licensing can be administered by a collective of the Gun Industry, to take it out of Government control.

Just my idea's. I hope lots of CT residents weight in on this.

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