

Gun Violence Prevention Working Group Public Hearing
Monday, January 28th, 2013
Legislative Office Building
10:00am, Room 2C

Dear members of the Working Group:

Who am I to speak about gun control?

I am a business owner in Southington. The father of a 2nd and 4th grader, an Eagle Scout, a Cub Scout leader, Church Trustee, recent past president of a large non-profit and serve on the board of two other non-profit organizations.

I am here to speak out against all of the proposed restrictions that would be placed on me, a law abiding citizen. New laws will not deter criminal behavior, criminals don't follow laws.

Connecticut gun control laws are already among the strictest in the nation, yet they could not prevent the murders in Newton. Unfortunately, history shows that no law will prevent such tragedies. Stricter gun laws only serve to deprive good, law abiding citizens of their constitutionally protected liberties. These laws also act to restrict someone like me the ability to defend myself, my family and my community. As much as you might detest this thought: At the end of the day the only protection against bad man with a gun, is a good man with a gun. I am that good man with a gun and I make our community safer because of it. I resent the implication that if my choice of gun/magazines/ammunition were restricted that this would be a safer world, it will not.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Leone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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