

Dear members of the commission:

I am Mikael Herve and I live in Wilton. I am writing to implore you to create tougher laws requiring more stringent background checks for ALL sales and transfers of guns, including long guns—even at gun shows and for private gun sales. Require yearly registration and renewals, and as well as annual background checks for all gun owners. Raise the gun purchasing age. Tighten liability laws to make gun owners more responsible for negligent storage, self-injury or injury to another person or damage to property. Institute a state-financed gun buy-back program. Ban assault and law-enforcement-type weapons (with NO grandfathering) and high-capacity magazines, whose only purpose is to kill. Even law-enforcement officers agree that such ammunition and weaponry in the hands of laypeople is counter to every sensible effort to maintain public safety, let alone the safety of our public safety officers.

Like other parents, i am worried that the CT gun lobby—the firearm and ammunition manufacturers—has pushed you, our representatives to protect the corporate interests over the safety of your constituents, the citizens of the state of CT.

I beseech you to remember who it is exactly who you represent. Not the lobbyists, not the corporations and manufacturers, but the families, the mothers and fathers and children and people of this state, who are asking you to make sensible changes to make the state a safer place to live.

Sincerely,

Mikael Herve

Sent from my iPad