

I am quite taken back by the current push to ram draconian gun control legislation down the throats of law abiding Connecticut citizens.

While everyone states that they are protecting the Second Amendment Rights of legal and law abiding gun owners it is quite evident that most of what is being proposed is nothing more than a knee jerk political reaction to an awful tragedy. If everyone is truly interested in making our kids safer, the facts about crime, mental illness, the effects of prescription drugs and the inability to enforce the current laws against the real criminal elements in society should be seriously dealt with.

Registering, taxing, and otherwise limiting the lawful use of guns and ammunition is nothing more than a trashing of our Constitutional Rights. Rights that are much deeper than hunting and target shooting.

There are a few of the proposed law changes that many of us can support, but when we see the large number of ridiculous proposals that are being thrown at us it makes it hard to come to any conclusion other than a sad, sad attempt to push a long time political agenda on the back of the Newtown shootings.

As a sportsman and competitive shooter I shoot thousands of rounds of shotgun, rifle and pistol ammunition each year throughout Connecticut and other states as well. I am a veteran, patriot, father, husband and law abiding citizen. Making me an instant felon for possessing legally owned and acquired property makes no sense.

The misinformation perpetrated by our politicians and media is a crime in itself. I can only hope that all of you are also aware of the facts and will be intellectually honest and put forth real proposals that will keep firearms out of the hands of real criminals and mentally ill people and leave the rights of law abiding criminals alone.

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