

Hello, my name is Nathan Brown and I reside in the town of East Haven. I regretfully will not be able to attend the hearing for "Gun Violence Prevention" but wanted to submit my testimony to you today.

I would like to say that I am strongly opposed to any new gun "control" laws that you may be considering. Laws and regulations on firearms affect only 1 group of residents in the state of Connecticut. Those are the law abiding citizens that keep and use their firearms for protection, recreation and collection. Your laws and regulations do not affect the criminals and the sick individuals that wish to do harm to others. Do you honestly think a magazine limit or a ban of a "certain" type of weapon will prevent criminals from obtaining or using them? Last time I checked, drugs were illegal as well. However, criminals are caught every day with drugs in Connecticut. Drunk driving is also illegal. How many people are killed each year from drunk driving? Should we ban cars because of that or should we educate people better and make stiffer penalties for offenders? How about enforcing the existing laws that we already have?

Again, I would like to state that I strongly oppose any new legislation that restricts gun ownership on law abiding citizens that own and use these weapons in lawful activities. You are looking to a "tool" as a root cause of evil and not looking at the true root cause in the individuals.

I thank you for you time and the opportunity to convey my thoughts.

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