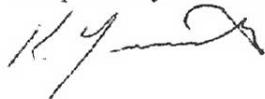


Dear members of the Gun Violence Prevention group.

I oppose all proposals which ban, tax, limit, or otherwise infringe upon the rights of gun owners in the state of Connecticut. I am a safe and well trained user of firearms. I am an avid target shooter who cares about honing my skills as a marksman. Limits on this pursuit would seriously impede my ability to enjoy and continue to practice as a diligent and safe operator of a fire arm. I urge you to consider this written testimony and not pass any proposed bill on gun control. I also urge that none of these proposed bills get passed on Consent as the session comes to a close.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. J. [unclear]", written in a cursive style.

Dear Distinguished members of the Gun Violence Prevention working group,

I oppose all proposals which ban, limit, tax, or otherwise infringe upon the rights of gun owners in the State of Connecticut.

My reasons are:

Connecticut has one of the strictest gun laws in the country. While very restrictive, it allowed me to purchase a basic AR-15 defense rifle and a shotgun. As a Marine I was extensively trained on the M-16, which is the military equivalent of an AR-15 plus a three round burst setting. We knew every part of this weapon. With the paranoia that now grips this nation, thousands of new rifle owners have just purchased their first rifle. These people need to be taught and trained on the rifle they have just purchased.

- I propose that you consider mandatory rifle training for anyone purchasing a rifle. You have to learn and respect the rifle for what it is. Without proper training, irresponsible gun owners will improperly handle and secure their rifles. This leads me to my next proposal.
- I propose that you consider gun safes mandatory for every gun owner. I withheld from purchasing a rifle until I was able to properly secure it. As previously stated 'Without proper training, irresponsible gun owners will improperly handle and secure their rifles.'

The further banning of assault rifles, magazines, ammunition, accessories or anything firearm related will be ineffective. Addressing mental health, firearm training and storage, and less restrictive concealed carry laws are the only way to secure peace.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Abildgaard

Dear Distinguished members of the Gun Violence Prevention working group,

I oppose all proposals which ban, limit, tax, or otherwise infringe upon the rights of gun owners in the State of Connecticut.

My reasons are:

- The Second Amendment gives law abiding citizens the right to bear arms without infringement. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Remember we are the Constitution State.
- The Bill of Rights was originally 200 amendments but through compromise was reduced to the 10 most important. Many of the states would not sign unless there was a Bill of Rights. You cannot nor should not take any of these rights away from law abiding citizens. Once one is stripped then another will follow. Imagine your right to free speech being taken away. The government works for us and must listen and follow the law. Guns in the hands of law abiding citizens help prevent tyranny.
- Myself and the gun owners I know have been responsible throughout our lives. I have been a carry permit holder in Connecticut for 22 responsible years.
- Gun free zones are the target of shootings by criminals not law abiding citizens. Punishing the criminals for their actions is the answer not punishing law abiding citizens. Criminals of violent crimes should not be let out.
- As American citizens we have the right to defend our homes and our families because the police usually come after a crime is committed. My family is the number one priority in my life.
- Shooting is also a sport whether hunting, target or skeet shooting, which is all legal.
- I am a teacher who believes that guns in school in the hands of good guys will deter gun crimes.
- Also, people who have purchased ammunition and weapons legally cannot have them taken away because of laws written after the fact. Just as someone cannot be charged with a crime if there is no law against it or if the law is written the day after they committed the offense. This rule of law (ex post facto) applies to property as well.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Armand Maniccia
Torrington, CT

Dear Distinguished members of the Gun Violence Prevention working group,

I oppose all proposals which ban, limit, tax, or otherwise infringe upon the rights of gun owners in the State of Connecticut.

My reasons are:

- Taking guns out of responsible gun owner's hands will only leave them defenseless to criminals.
- Any type of magazine capacity limit will only make it harder for a gun owner to defend themselves against a criminal who can obtain a high capacity magazine.
- Tragedies such as Sandy Hook could be prevented, not by taking away citizens guns, but by allowing citizens to carry in public places.
- Our 2nd Amendment rights were not made to be edited at a later date.
- Making more laws that restrict American citizens will only cause more criminals and more acts of violence in response to our rights being taken away.

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Bristol, CT

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- Making more laws that restrict American citizens will only cause more criminals and more acts of violence in response to our rights being taken away.
- As a Veteran and active member of the CT National Guard, I took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States as it was written.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Bryan Chiarappi
Bristol, CT

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I oppose all proposals which ban, limit, tax, or otherwise infringe upon the rights of gun owners in the State of Connecticut.

My reasons are:

- The defense of this Country and State from foreign invasion or tyrannical government
- Anyone who has been in an actual gunfight (I have as I am an Infantry Veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan) knows that limited magazines kill the good guy, not the bad.
- Historically, the countries that have disarmed its citizens have become harbingers of tyranny and oppression (Germany, Iraq, Mexico, Cuba)
- It is the right of every person, given by natural right, to "keep and bear arms", regardless of the use, as long as it does not infringe on the rights of others.
- Historically, governments who attempted to confiscate arms from its citizens have sparked major conflicts and wars.(The United States Revolution against the British)
- Statistically, around the nation and around the world, States, Regions, and Countries with higher firearms ownership per capita have markedly less violent crime per 100,000.
- The FBI's Uniform Crime Report shows that regions with the strictest gun control laws have the highest incident of violent crime (to include gun crime, i.e. Chicago and Los Angeles).

I urge you to consider this written testimony and not pass any proposed bills on Gun Control.

Please feel free to check any of my statements for fact.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Bradley Noone
Bethel, CT

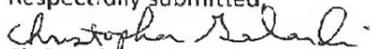
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Respectfully submitted,


Christopher Gelardi

Derby, Ct

1/22/13

Dear distinguished members of the Gun Violence Prevention Group:

I oppose all proposals which ban, limit, tax or otherwise infringe upon the 2nd Amendment rights that this country was founded upon.

I urge that none of the proposed bills get passed on Consent as the session comes to a close.

Please stand up for our 2nd Amendment rights. This essential right was put in place to protect lawful citizens from a government that wanted to limit individual rights. I see the same type of government taking over America today.



Michael Harte

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Dear Distinguished members of the Gun Violence Prevention working group,

I oppose all proposals which ban, limit, tax, or otherwise infringe upon the rights of gun owners in the State of Connecticut.

My reasons are:

- I am not a gun owner but live in a home where guns are present. The last 16 years of having guns in the home has been uneventful and peaceful. It is refreshing to know that if there is a serious incident at home we can protect ourselves before something horrible happens prior to the police arriving. After all our children are our number one priorities.
- I also feel that if our second amendment right is reduced or stripped away then this gives the government too much power. What would come next? Our freedom of speech, religion, etc.?
- Our government is by the people for law abiding citizens not special interest. You cannot take a right away because certain groups disagree with it.
- I am a mom and a wife who believes in the Constitution and it is the government's job to protect it, not destroy it.
- I am not afraid of guns but if criminal actions are not dealt with appropriately then they will continue. Keep violent criminals in jail.

I urge you to consider this written testimony and not pass any proposed bills on Gun Control.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Maniccia
Torrington, CT

Timothy C. Walsh
120 Salem Street
Naugatuck, Ct 06770

Gun Violence Prevention Group

Dear distinguished members of Gun Violence Prevention Working Group,

I oppose all proposals which would ban, limit, tax, or otherwise infringe upon my rights and the rights of law abiding gun owners of the State of Connecticut.

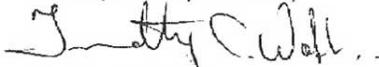
With all the data that is available from studies around the country and the world it is inconceivable how one could draw the conclusion that further gun control will limit violence. One simply needs to look at our nation's capitol or the City of Chicago for evidence. These regions have some of the strictest gun control measure in the country. Yet, they have some of the highest rates of gun violence. Chicago alone averages 42 murders a month as a result from the illegal use of guns. Despite these tragic figures, gun violence has reduced nationwide since the expiration of the 1990's assault weapons ban.

What is the answer to the violence? The studies have shown it is not gun control. I strongly believe the laws that are in place are sufficient. What is lacking is the enforcement of these laws. In addition violent tendencies are not caused by gun ownership. Violence is representative of a person's nature. It could be environment; mental health or both that drive some people to do terrible things. There should be a reexamination of the policies and procedures for the treatment of mental health patients with violent tendencies. Social programs should be investigated to be seen if anything be done to curb violence.

Those who would dismiss mine and others objections to further gun control measures on the grounds that we are insensitive to the tragedy in Sandy Hook or do not care about safety are not honest people. These people are only distracters who want to avoid honest debate by name calling. Those who behave this way only seek to push a political agenda rather than seek answers and solutions. This seems to be a popular trend in the political arena and it is reprehensible.

Finally, it is utterly offensive to place draconian measures on law abiding citizens. I have broken no laws and have committed no crimes. But, if some of the proposals go through I will be treated like a criminal. That is wrong and unconstitutional. The Second Amendment guarantees that my right to bear arms "Shall not be infringed."

Thank you for your time,



Timothy C. Walsh

"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed one." Cesare Beccaria

Dear Distinguished Members of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group,

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Some of my reasons are:

1. Guns are not the problem. Bad people are the problem.
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4. We need to look at our mental health system, and institute mandatory sentences for gun violations.
5. Enforce existing laws.

I urge you to consider this written testimony and not pass any proposed bills on gun control.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Fitzgerald".

Bruce Fitzgerald

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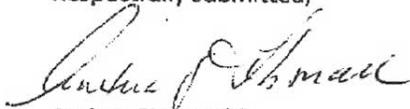
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Respectfully submitted,


Michael Smith

January 24, 2103

Subject: Gun Control Law Proposals

Dear Distinguished members of the Gun Violence Prevention working group,

While I am not a gun owner, as a law abiding citizen and believer in the constitution, specifically our second amendment rights, I call on you to reject proposals for law changes which would ban, limit, tax or otherwise infringe upon the rights of Connecticut's lawful gun owners.

What sets our great country apart from so many other nations on earth is the permanency of our constitution, and the protection of our rights. We do oppose both the illegal purchase or theft of guns and use of said weapons in tragic cases such as just occurred in Newtown. What is known is that Connecticut has among the strictest control gun laws in the nation. Yet this crazed monster still found a way to bring such devastation outside of the law. Further infringing upon the rights of law abiding citizens is not the answer.

I respectfully ask you to consider my written testimony and not pass these proposals into law, or allow them to be passed on Consent at the end of the session.

Respectfully Yours,



Timothy C. Reilly
17 Woodcrest Drive
Prospect, CT 06712

Dear distinguished members of the gun violence prevention working group.

I oppose any further proposals that would ban, limit or otherwise infringe upon the rights of gun owners in the State of Connecticut.

The Second amendment states, "the rights of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"! Please take notice, there is no "unless" or "if" in that statement. "Shall not" cannot be any more explicit. How can there be any other interpretation for "shall not" other than "Shall NOT!"

The problem of violence is not caused by the firearm or magazine size or caliber, but rather by the flaws in society itself and the lack of our ability to teach or reteach morality - I.e. Right and wrong. Unfortunately there is no one or easy solution. However what you need to stop doing is what amounts to blaming a pencil for bad handwriting and spelling or blaming a spoon for people getting fat.

Gun owners are voters; you would do yourself a favor by researching how many voters have been buying guns over the past few years and especially over the past few months, taking up arms in fear of losing them. This run on arms should send you a clear message as to what a government that is run by the people for the people really want and not what the media is broadcasting.

we must learn from our own history. there was more alcohol in the U.S. during prohibition than in any other time in US history, all that was accomplished then and will be accomplished now by any further restrictions will be turning otherwise law abiding citizens into lawbreakers and criminals

There are Hundreds of thousands of Voting, law abiding, gun owning american and american veterans out there. By attempting to further restrict and infringe on our Rights you are grouping yourself with undesirable people from history two of the most famous from the last century who were advocates of gun control and confiscation were Josef Stalin and Adolf Hitler. one of the First Phases of the death of a democracy is to disarm its public. We still have the right to Choose.

Don't Punish the innocent Citizen for the Crimes of the Unlawful, & Perverted Murderers.

Those kinds of people will get there weapon of Choice weather its a Car, machete or Firearm. no matter what law or restrictions are implemented

Don't restrict the Law Abiding their ability to defend their families, Homes and Selves. and in need this Nation 9/11 Proves we can be Attacked.

I urge you to consider this testimony
and not pass any ~~new~~ proposed bills on
Gun control

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Respectfully Submitted
W. A. [Signature]

January 24, 2013

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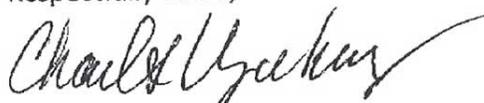
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Respectfully Yours,



Charles Uszakiewicz

Dear distinguished members of the Gun Violence Prevention Group.

I urge you to stop any legislation that taxes, limits, or otherwise prohibits ammunition capacity on any firearm.

I am a responsible gun owner and served in the US Military for 20 years. Please listen to the voice of the people on this issue and not the liberal members of government.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Morrone