TESTIMONY TO THE GUN VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

These little angels bodies were not even cold before you decided to push your anti-gun agenda. How despicable and pathetic. If you truly cared about societal problems that contributed to this horrific incident you would have pushed opinion aside and immediately begun an investigation. Connecticut has some of the strictest gun laws and yet this incident occurred. What does this mean? It means that these laws mean nothing when evil wants to prevail. Why is this true? Because if passing more gun control laws would make society safer than why do Chicago and Washington D.C. have the highest crimes rates and the most restrictive gun laws? You are smart enough to answer that question aren't you? If not the reason is because you have just given the criminals a reason to prey on the defenseless. Why do government officials need to be exempt from anti gun laws Why would they have the right to protect themselves and not I? Is your life any more important than mine. Apparently so. Better yet I pay for your protection. The reason Government officials would be exempt from gun laws is because any legislation passed would make them a criminal, but its okay to make the law abiding citizen a criminal merely for possession and not intent. If I had the ability to make one law it would be that all politicians be held to the same standard as the common people. This includes Obamacare, Social Security, Medicare, Anti gun legislation etc. If you really want to determine what caused this incident, back off on your gun agenda, start an investigation and I bet you will find that there were many other contributing factors which led up to this incident. Could this tragedy have ultimately been prevented. No one knows. But if it could have been, gun ownership would not have been the issue because he didn't own any guns. He stole them. A crime. Before you decide to pass any anti gun legislation you may want to ask yourself "Would this have prevented the Newtown tragedy?" If not, than you are only placating the anti-gun folks who do not take responsibility for their own life. They would rather put others in danger. The ability of a person to protect himself is the ultimate sense of security. For those of you thinking of limiting magazine capacity to 10 rounds, think of the amputee with only one arm who may need that 30 round magazine initially to protect himself from multiple perpetrators because he cannot change the magazine and reload quickly. Bet you never thought of that scenario. My point is that you don't know what an individual requires to protect himself or his family only he does. You need to realize that if you do not know anything about firearms you cannot pass laws based on emotion. Reason and fact will always prevail and it is your responsibility to educate yourselves before you act. What you consider unnecessary and ban may be what ultimately saves innocent lives.

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