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The Honorable Bill Simanski
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Representative Simanski:

I am writing to you today to enter into testimony my recommendations for the direction of future gun laws.

I am a Citizen, Husband, Father of three children, Sportsman, Security Officer, and Certified Firearms Instructor. The topic at hand is to determine what changes are necessary to reduce gun violence in Connecticut. The FACT remains however that any new gun "law" will only be applicable to the "law abiding citizen". Passing Ex post Facto laws are

immoral and unconstitutional. • I do not support banning specific firearm models based on arbitrary features which some find objectionable or "too military appearing" this will not reduce gun violence. • I do not support banning or mandating magazine capacity. This law will only affect the law abiding citizen and it puts citizens at a greater disadvantage should the need to use their firearm for defense arise. There is no backup readily available the criminal will have the advantage, the results of inadequate capacity could prove fatal. • I do not support a firearms registration.

The Connecticut Department of Public Safety already possesses a record of all FFL transfers there is no need for an additional registration process.

• I do not support any attempts to regulate, tax, or otherwise prohibit the sale of firearms cartridges (ammunition), firearms parts, or firearms related accessories.

What I believe is reasonable to reduce gun violence:

• Reform penalties for illegal firearms use associated with crimes and strictly enforce these penalties. • Require the transfer of firearms to be performed by a Federal Firearms Licensed dealer.

What I believe will ease political and social tensions pertaining to

firearms: • EDUCATION!!! (Teach your family and neighbors about safe and responsible firearm use and storage) • RESPONSIBLE MEDIA (Report facts in lieu of sensationalism) • UNBIASED POLITITIONS (DEFEND ALL AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION) I have taught my family and children to be respectful of all tools including firearms. Safeties and other devices are mechanical and can fail the only way for a firearm to fire is to pull the trigger this cannot happen by chance or accident. Laws will continue to be followed only by the law-abiding. As has been proven time and time again stricter firearms legislation (including the 1994 AWB)

has NEVER reduced gun violence. Create a minimum standard for School security- Provide compassionate help for the mentally ill! Please support my constitutional rights!

Sincerely,

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