

27th of January, 2013

To members of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group:

I write you today in regards to the upcoming hearings for proposed legislation that will restricts the rights & increases the financial burdens of lawful firearm owners in the State of Connecticut.

The tragedy in Newtown Connecticut has yet brought firearms into the public eye with the common theme to “ban or further regulate them” when one is not educated in the widespread ownership and daily lawful use of firearms in Connecticut.

I am a Husband, Son, Brother & a voting taxpayer who takes our rights & responsibilities very seriously. The proposed legislation will do nothing but further restrict the law abiding & will have the affect of making me a criminal at the stroke of a pen!

My residence in this state will be limited if proposed legislation becomes law & all my future voting while in residence will be on one issue. Who voted to restrict my firearms rights?

Why is it when there are issues of violence, the answer is more laws, as opposed to enforcing the existing laws we have now?

On the subject of safety, I ask to consider legislation for armed security in “Gun Free Zones” such as schools & other vulnerable areas, allowing teachers to make their own decisions to be armed with proper training and to increase funding for mental health treatment & education.

I ask that you reject the following:

HB-5112 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS HOLDING HANDGUN PERMITS.

HB-5268 AN ACT REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE BY FIREARM OWNERS AND ESTABLISHING A SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION.

HB-5269 AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CRIMINAL USE OF A FIREARM OR ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPON.

HB-5452 AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CRIMINAL USE OF A FIREARM OR ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPON.

HB-5647 AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH CAPACITY FIREARMS.

HB-5651 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OR POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION.

HB-5656 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR A CRIME COMMITTED WITH A FIREARM.

HB-5676 AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM PENALTY FOR ILLEGALLY SELLING OR POSSESSING A FIREARM.

SB-1 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS FROM VIOLENCE.

SB-21 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR AN ETERNAL LIGHT IN MEMORY OF VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

SB-122 AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON GUN USE.

SB-124 AN ACT BANNING LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES.

SB-140 AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FIREARM OWNERS AND SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION.

SB-161 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE.

SB-207 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF FIREARM-RELATED INJURIES AND DEATHS.

SB-377 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PISTOL PERMITS.

SB-495 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMISSION OF CERTAIN FELONIES WITH A FIREARM OR ASSAULT WEAPON.

SB-501 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS.

SB-504 AN ACT CONCERNING LARGE CAPACITY GUN MAGAZINES.

SB-505 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE A RIFLE.

SB-506 AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PRIVATE FIREARM SALES.

Sincerely,
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