

The Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut are contracts between the people, the governed, and their government. Unfortunately both the Federal and State Governments are currently in breach of those contracts.

Enacting laws using lies as a basis for their passage is never good because the lies are used to deceive the People into supporting the legislation that is in fact not in their best interests and detrimental to their Rights.

In the past we have been to public hearings where legislators falsely claimed that there was no individual right of the people to keep and bear arms. That lie was put to rest by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Heller vs. District of Columbia decision.

We were also told that the Heller vs. District of Columbia ruling only covered federal property. That lie was put to rest by the U.S. Supreme Court in the McDonald vs. Chicago decision.

We have been continually told that we did not need arms to protect ourselves and that the police would protect us, a lie that is self-evident from the amount of crime and violence that stalks the citizens and the children of our state. That lie was put to rest by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Warren vs. District of Columbia decision.

In Moore vs. Madigan the 7th circuit court of appeals has found in relationship to blanket bans "Illinois had to provide us with more than merely a rational basis for believing that its uniquely sweeping ban is justified by an increase in public safety. It has failed to meet this burden. The Supreme Court's interpretation of the Second Amendment therefore compels us to reverse the decisions in the two cases before us and remand them to their respective district courts for the entry of declarations of unconstitutionality and permanent injunctions.

Legislators sitting here today have routinely ignored article 1 section 15 of the Connecticut State constitution, which states without qualification "Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state". This legislature and the executive branch of this government continue in their attempts to strip the people of the right to protect them and their families. Look around the capitol and note the private police force you employ to protect yourselves. Consider your actions in having created the unprotected so called "gun free zones" that have allowed the evil and the insane to slaughter our children without hindrance. Any law passed for the confiscation of the means of the people to protect themselves will be both criminal and unconstitutional on the legislature's part. Please don't attempt to humor us by saying "you can challenge it in the courts", because we know that you will attempt to use "the process as the punishment" ignoring due process to destroy our reputations and impoverish us.

This committee needs to ask itself the following questions before it forwards proposed laws to the full legislature that are considered by many to be unconstitutional.

- How are you going to locate the arms you wish to seize?
- What other rights are you willing to suspend to seize peoples firearms?
- How are you going to seize those weapons which you make illegal?
- Who are you going to get to collect those rifle & pistol magazines?
- Will those collecting those arms and magazines give up theirs?
- How will the people react to the unconstitutional seizure of their firearms?
- What will you do if there is wide spread resistance?
- Who will you blame if people die resisting?

We find the actions of this body over the past decade to be at best self-serving and incompetent.

- You punish the innocent for the acts of the guilty.
- You repeal the death penalty in the wake of the Cheshire torture and murders.
- You free convicted criminals before their sentences are up.
- You provide protection to government officials but not to the people.
- You use the Attorney General's office to protect the government from the people.
- Your mandates are a failure and have contributed to the destruction of our towns, cities, & families.

Testimony of M. Peter Kuck at the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group Public Hearing
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