

Violence Prevention Working Group Public Hearing Monday, January 28th, 2013 Legislative Office Building 10:00am, Room 2C

Dear members of the Working Group:

Who am I to speak about gun control?

I am a naturalized american citizen from a former communist country in Eastern Europe. I am the father of a 3rd grader, born here, to which I would like pass on an unaltered Constitution as written by those who fought to create this country.

I am here to speak out against all of the proposed restrictions that would be placed on me, my family, and all other law abiding citizens. New laws will not deter criminal behavior, as criminals don't follow laws. It will only make their deeds easier to pursue.

Connecticut gun control laws are already among the strictest in the nation, yet they could not prevent the murders in Newtown because those laws do not apply to criminals. Unfortunately, history shows that no law will prevent such tragedies. A bat, a knife, a hammer will cause the same damage in the hands of deranged criminal. Stricter gun laws only serve to deprive good, law abiding citizens of their constitutionally protected liberties. These laws also act to restrict someone like me the ability to defend myself, my family and my community. As much as you might detest this thought: At the end of the day the only protection against bad man with a gun, is a good man with a gun. I am that good man with a gun and I make our community safer because of it. I resent the implication that if my choice of gun/magazines/ammunition were restricted that this would be a safer world, it will not.

Please honor the Constitution state as generations before us did in order to preserve their legacy. Do not help those who wish to turn this wonderful country into a concentration camp or a soviet gulag. We all deserve a life without fear of tyranny of man. The only fear we and our children should have is the fear of God.

Sincerely,

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