

Testimony for Public Hearing
Gun Violence Prevention Working Group
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RE: Gun Safety (Gun Control)

Good morning/afternoon Gun Violence Group. I will keep this short. My name is Rich Flint and I am a responsible Second Amendment enthusiast.

I've been a gun owner and shooter since a young age and was introduced to firearms by my father who also taught me how to shoot and respect a firearm in a very responsible manner.

That said, I am writing the GVPWG to express my concern and to the bills that are being proposed by the Connecticut General Assembly concerning gun control.

So far I haven't read one proposed bill that would avoid another tragedy similar to the senseless slaughter that occurred in Sandy Hook, nor have I read a proposed bill on this subject that would curb violence by violent people at all. In the contrary what I did read are proposed bills that would create more

sheep in a society of wolves by piling more regulation on responsible gun owners.

As the GVPWG knows, Connecticut has some of the strictest firearms laws in the country and to keep piling more legislation on top of current laws will only help out criminals while restricting those of use who do follow the laws. Remember, criminals and/or the next perpetrators will not care about what laws are currently on the books let alone any new laws. In fact some of these proposed bills would create more crime by opening up a larger black market for illegal guns and ammunition as well a hurting state revenue and small firearms shops because people will simply cross state lines to buy ammo that doesn't have a high tax attached to it.

In ending, no law abiding gun owner wants to see gun violence. We must understand that criminals and those hell-bent on creating carnage will do so if the legislature bans so-called "assault weapons", high capacity magazines, imposes a new tax on ammunition or limits the number of rounds you can purchase in a given amount of time. Bad intent cannot be eliminated no matter what laws are passed. History has proven this fact.

I'm my opinion tax payer dollars will be better spent on school security and looking at the illegal firearms that are on the streets and anyone who is in possession of an illegal and/or stolen firearms and stiffen penalties for those who commit crimes with these weapons or who are simply in possession of these weapons. Getting these illegal guns off the streets will have a much greater impact on gun violence than any

legislation that targets law abiding firearms owners.

I believe that everyone on this committee has taken an oath to uphold
Constitution Of The State Of Connecticut. Please refer Sec. 15.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rich Flint