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To members of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group:

Connecticut is now considering numerous GUN LEGISLATIONS, some of which, if made law, will make enemies into hundreds of thousands of its citizens, breaching a trust long held. I urge to stand for individual liberty and trust in the citizenry, as our United State of America's and Connecticut's Constitution affirms and clearly outline.

I urge you with the greatest commitment to **VOTE AGAINST any additional Assault Weapons bans and any other legislation that purposes registration, Taxation, and or restrictions on: magazines, magazines capacity, ammunition, ammunition feeding devices or redefining guns based on how the look or function.** These firearms are in tens of millions of households all over the country, held by good citizens, keeping the peace, and preserving their liberty. The percentage of criminal use of these guns is infinitesimal and statistically insignificant.

More importantly these proposed laws registering and banning this broad category of guns will have no affect on crime. As we saw in the tragic massacre at Sandy Hook, criminals will steal their guns, ignore ALL laws, and in the end probably use other destructive devices to kill people (buses, cars, poisons, homemade bombs, etc).

The only effective solution to these killers is an immediate armed response, just like civilian Nick Meli in a mall in Clackamas, OR. With his Glock, he foiled a mass shooting, saved lives. An armed civilian stops these mass killings! ARMED TEACHERS ARE THE ANSWER, NOT criminalizing millions of good Americans. That will cause much greater problems. But this isn't about guns or greater public safety, or stopping the killings, it's about people control. This is much more ominous.

The fingerprinting, registration, and guaranteed future control of an owner of this type of firearm **VIOLATES the Second Amendment.** It is a glaring manifestation of an overreaching, out of control government...the very thing which our founders feared and wished to prevent. This destruction of the 2nd Amendment will have a domino effect. Other rights will also be attacked, weakened, and outright eliminated. In the future this could lead to civic unrest, deadly confrontations with law enforcement, and more.

This or other "assault weapons bans" will be unenforceable as well. In the end, only the criminals and the government will be armed. Is that what you want? In determining the course of this country this might be your most important vote ever. Firmly **PRESERVE GUN OWNERS RIGHTS** and accept no compromise. I thank you for your past support in this area; it's time to do it again as the anti-freedom forces are always on the march. I will watch your vote will great interest and gratefully support you in future elections for your defense of our Constitution.

Sincerely,

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