

In light of the Newtown tragedy, I would consider it *unconscionable* for any state lawmaker to consider a single dimensional approach to the root cause and effect of this happenstance. If the focus and energy that politicians employ on gun control would be redirected to the “entertainment” community that produces violent media via movies, TV and video games etcetera as well as towards the insurance / health care community for the ability to recognize and treat socially dysfunctional individuals; then those efforts would contribute towards a safer society. It is a true statement; “Guns don’t kill people, people kill people”. If violence is treated as “entertainment” in our society then our society will continue to reap what it has sown. I implore you NOT to move in the direction of gun control. Are you comfortable at all times in all situations when in the public or at home without armed security? If armed security is a line of defense for “high profile” individuals, why can’t it be a line of defense for me or any other LAW ABIDING citizen? The “government” can’t make us 100% safe, we at home need to do our part in instilling proper moral structure to our family members, but the government can put us, as a society, at **greater risk** by pursuing gun control. As a **Law Abiding, God fearing, voting, Vietnam Veteran and proud citizen of the United States of American**, my direction to *you*, **MY REPRESENTATIVE**, is to preserve **OUR** 2nd amendment rights.

Please see the comments below from Marilyn Giuliano related to this issue as well:

Rickey,

Please be assured that my approach to advancing and evaluating any legislation related to the Newtown tragedy will be comprehensive. **I don't see this being about guns I see this horrible Newtown tragedy as mental illness being forever left the stepchild of physical illness.** Tell someone that you have lupus, and they're sympathetic. Tell them that you're bipolar, and it's a very different matter. I have practiced as a psychologist for a little over 30 years and am very concerned. To me, **this is not about gun control. It's about giving parity between physical illness (which we support with fruitful research, funding and understanding - and have achieved great successes and cures), and mental illness which we continue to push behind the curtain (emphasis added)**

Evaluating mental health resources, providing public safety (and I believe that our laws are working when the shooter tried but couldn't purchase firearms himself), and reducing the exposure to violence in all media should be steps in a comprehensive response to prevent a tragedy such as Newtown from happening again.

I appreciate your ideas and will carry these forward into the debate as legislation is crafted. Thanks for taking the time to write and offering your input on a very serious issue.

Marilyn

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An additional comment:

Dear Rickey,

I absolutely will oppose Chairman Dargan's proposal to make public the names and addresses of hand gun permit holders in CT. This proposal is an invitation to make crime more convenient for criminals whether by burglarizing homeowners identified as having handguns to steal them for future crimes, or to insure the absence of armed resistance in the commission of a home invasion. This proposal flies in the face of public safety.

Please count on my opposition to this proposal.

Best,

Marilyn (Giuliano)

SINCERELY !!!!

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