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Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety:

I want to thank our representatives for having these public hearings.

I believe in gun control. I believe if you own a firearm, you need to ensure that access to that firearm is controlled.

When it comes to government control of firearms I look back to Supreme Court history. In *Printz versus U.S.* the supreme court mentioned back to the case, *U.S. versus Miller*, when it said, "we determined that the Second Amendment did not guarantee a citizen's right to possess a sawed-off shotgun because that weapon had not been shown to be "ordinary military equipment" that could "contribute to the common defense.""

Semiautomatic pistols and AR15 style rifles with their standard, greater than 10 round capacity magazines, meet the burden of proof that they, "contribute to the common defense" through their use by local law enforcement.

The reason law enforcement chooses this equipment is because it is proven to be effective.

When monsters like in Newtown strike, they don't do it in front of uniformed officers. These cowards seek out those that are defenseless and they usually kill themselves once they meet resistance.

When resistance by the police is tens of minutes away, why am I, the law abiding citizen, being regulated to resistance with a firearm that has been deemed less than effective?

Don't let monsters be the catalyst that takes away the constitutionally protected freedoms of law abiding citizens. God bless the great state of Connecticut. Thank You.

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