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Members of the Task Force,

I oppose all proposed bills that would ban or limit firearms, magazines, and the *heavy* tax on ammunition. These bills do not focus on solving the root cause of the issue, and therefore will have no effect on criminals violent activity. Criminals, by definition, are people who break and have no regard for the law. What makes you think further restricting cosmetic features of a rifle will now make criminals comply with the new laws? They already disregard existing laws, as in Newtown.

I don't think there is anyone out there who wishes Newtown could be prevented, but what may be the greatest tragedy is hindering the ability of millions in CT to be able to properly defend themselves in such situations, by using such travesties to pass "feel good" laws. In the end, you remove freedoms from 99+% of law abiding citizens, gaining no additional 'real' security.

History repeats itself over and over. Lets learn from the past failed attempts to ban weapons, and focus on the problems and solutions to the real problems at hand: mental health, public building security, criminal punishment, and the lax prison system. Connecticut already has one of the most strict gun control laws in the country. Failure to solve the real issues will only allow for easier access for criminals and the mentally deranged to prey on the innocent.

Thank you for your time

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