

Hello,

I am writing to urge you against supporting any new firearm laws. However, I am in full support of State Representative Rob Sampson's (R-Wolcott) package of bills. They are common sense laws made with rational thinking and are focused in the right direction. I am very glad to see one politician who is sitting down rationally, with a cool, clear head, and really looking into what actually happened. I hope others will follow his lead and stop allowing emotions, public hysteria, prejudice, and media bias to influence political decisions. Yes, if you noticed, I did say "prejudice." Prejudice at its truest and finest hour is here in CT and around the country. It is aimed at the firearm owners, and even the firearms themselves. We need more rational thinkers in politics who will follow their oath to uphold the Constitution. Where are these politicians who were voted in to support our Constitutional rights as Americans? Where are these **American** politicians?

Legal firearm owners and the American people want firearms and the freedom to own them. This is evident at all the firearm stores--and in a mass frenzy. Firearm stores' shelves are almost empty--in fact, some are completely empty. Some politicians are trying to put a band-aid on this tragedy by banning firearms and proposing tyrannical laws. But that will not solve the problem; it will only anger Americans, thereby causing more problems. You cannot pass a law based on emotions and feelings, especially in a country founded on Liberty! It's plain and simple: Americans DO NOT WANT A FIREARM BAN or any new firearm laws that are delusional and only directed toward law-abiding people. Since firearm purchases have increased exorbitantly, it's clear that the people of CT do not support any new firearm laws.

We are supposed to be the Constitution State! And we are reminded of this everywhere we look. What does it say to the other states if we ban firearms in order to impose this new ideology? Connecticut played a big part in OUR Constitution's history; we might as well remove the "Constitution State" from our license plate and replace it with "Traitor to the Constitution State" if any of this goes through.

The cause of the tragedy at Newtown was not the result of firearms; it was the result of psychological disorders that were not addressed in an appropriate manner. Connecticut shot down a Mental Health Care Bill that could have prevented this murderer from taking action. This very sad and tragic event was not the fault of the firearms but of the psychopath behind them. Do not forget that these firearms were stolen! He was denied firearms when he went to purchase some a few days before, so the 14-day waiting period worked. This man had psychological issues (he killed his own mother, which speaks volumes) and would have used another method of violence if he hadn't stolen the guns. The only thing this terrible event proves is that criminals

and psychopaths will get what they want no matter how and will continue doing unspeakable things unless they are stopped. In fact, this country is host to a long and twisted history of violent crimes that did not involve firearms. These barbaric criminals prove that when there is a will, there is a way. Firearms are not the problem; insanity is.

I direct your attention to Ted Bundy, Jeffery Dahmer, and John Wayne Gacy. These murderers did not need to use firearms to accomplish their infamous slaughters. Nor were firearms used at the Bath School House Massacre of 1927 or in the Oklahoma bombing. However, please note that knives, or other implements of torture, were never subjected to the same discrimination that firearms are being subjected to today. These psychos didn't use firearms; they did whatever it took to execute their heinous deeds. These examples show that criminals and psychos will do whatever it takes to procure the necessary items (whether it be knife, pipe, firearm, household chemicals, vehicles, rope, stick, etc.) to enact their despicable crimes. These laws will not stop criminals. In the process, it would leave the American people defenseless against them. Let us learn from the past before we find ourselves re-living the past. The law-abiding people here in CT have been bending over backwards to follow the law for years, and now the state wants to break their backs. Politicians are trying to punish the good and the law-abiding, who did nothing wrong. How wrong is that?

People need to stop being so close-minded by irrationally jumping to "arms" and banning something that was not the problem or the issue! How many times throughout history did people act swiftly, without sitting down and actually thinking through everything rationally, only to realize in the end it was a cataclysmically wrong decision to make? Just consider the Japanese concentration camps and the Salem witch trials. These are perfect examples of irrational decisions based on emotion, not reason.

The most defenseless people right now are our teachers and children. Having no-firearm zones and forbidding teachers to carry (even if they are licensed) is also a problem. Teachers are and will be the first responders in any violent school incident, even if a police officer or security officer is on the site. Criminals and psychos love firearm free zones because they know that the occupants are powerless to stop them. How can we as a country be so cruel as to make our precious children sitting ducks for these criminals? We must protect our children and give trained adults the means to do so. Just ask yourselves: How long did it take the police to get to that school? Now, I ask you to take a look at Sec. 29-22 and at 53a-217b. I'm sure these will help in deciding our schools safety. These laws give The Commissioner of Public Safety and School Officials the necessary means to protect our children.

In short, we do not need more firearm laws because criminals do not abide by the laws, anyway. These legislative actions are nothing more than a witch-hunt. For the sake of the children who died, do not fall victim to party politics; instead look to rationality and facts when making this crucial decision. Your job is to uphold the Constitution. Please keep that in mind. More firearm laws would only punish law-abiding citizens, and leave our country--our children--defenseless. I implore you to think not with emotion, but with reason.

Sincerely,

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