

My Name is: Robin Emond

I have lived in the town of Cheshire for the past 25 years

Cheshire, Ct-

- **The town that houses The Cheshire Corrections Institute and the Manson Youth Institute.**
- **The town where on July 23,2007, The Petit Family Home Invasion and murders occurred with 3 women brutally raped and murdered and Dr. Petit nearly beaten to death with a bat.**
- **And yes the town where my home was broken into by multiple burglars, shortly after leaving for work.**

I have a few questions that I would like you all to think about long and hard:

-Have you ever lived where prisoners have escaped and been found, on more than one occasion, in the vicinity of your home? Or heard about the newly enacted Early Release program- releasing a violent criminal, so violent that there was a police escort, with the prisoner to be released handcuffed, because he was so violent, until they released him into the center of Waterbury. Or heard about the store owner, in Meriden, that was murdered by an early release prisoner just days after his release. Or the 14 year old girl that was raped by yet another early release prisoner shortly after his release.

-Did you ever think about the fact that if the Petit family had a gun for self defense, in their home that they could still be alive today?

-Can you imagine if on that day that my home was broken into- that my husband or I had stayed home???

Let me tell you – I have and still do think about these questions and that is why I went through the course and got my Gun Permit, so that I can exercise my right to protect myself and my family .

I believe that adding to the already very strict Gun Regulations would NOT have prevented the tragedy at Sandy Hook. It will only leave law abiding citizens even more vulnerable to become victims at the hands of those that do not care what laws are in place, because they have no intentions of following them.

The Sandy Hook Massacre was undeniably tragic. But why is it that this horrific act by a mentally ill young man is being exploited to further a Political Agenda?

The way I see it – In the words of Saul Alinsky-” Never let a crisis go to waste”

I must say I am ashamed of my government for using this Loss of lives to further your Agenda to restrict our Rights in CT and this Country.

Furthermore, I oppose Any and All proposed legislation restricting gun rights, ammunition and capacity, changes of language to categorize types of guns, fees, taxes or insurance requirements.

On the Other hand, I am in favor of some commonsense legislation that has been proposed. Namely in short:

HB5224 –Eliminating the Early Release Program

HB5165 “Stand their Ground”

HB5176 Unified Criteria for Temporary State permit

And HB5269 Increased Penalty for Criminal Use of a Firearm

Please when considering ALL testimony, remember your Oath, remember who you work for and leave your party affiliation out of this. This is Our God Given Right and it “...shall not be infringed”