

Members of the Connecticut Legislature:

I am happy to be at today's public hearings in Hartford so that I can express my concerns for protecting our cherished American freedoms. The second amendment is the bellwether of our bill of rights. As long as that stays in tact, the rest of our rights are safe. I offer this simple thought for the day.

We have loads of firearms laws. For one, every purchase already requires an instant background check. Yet, still, the most unsafe places are those with the most firearms laws. And what is the real objective of the gun control lobby? In my opinion, eliminate all of our firearms. I offer this curiosity as evidence: school children are expelled for drawing pictures of firearms. Pictures! That's hard to believe, unless you recognize just how difficult it is to get a free people to voluntarily give up their right for self defense. So they start with the intimidation and indoctrination of our youngest. This gun control movement has been with us for many years. Fortunately, Connecticut has done well resisting the freedom stealing motives of that gun control movement. Let's stay committed to that freedom and not trade it for a mirage of increased safety. No good will come from defying the wisdom of the brilliant men who wrote our second amendment. Nothing guarantees our freedom. We Americans need to protect it ourselves.

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