

Sirs and Madams:

I was appalled to learn that Governor Malloy has decided to put forth his own gun control proposals IN ADVANCE OF ANY FEEDBACK FROM HIS OWN TASKFORCE, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE OFFICIAL REPORT and findings on the Newtown massacre, and in the face of the GROWING CONSENSUS that a so-called ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN/ARBITRARY MAGAZINE CAPACITY LIMIT will have NO IMPACT on VIOLENT CRIME. Following in the footsteps of the actions of Governor Cuomo in NY who has been rightly criticized for subverting the democratic process, he is pushing gun control measures without uttering a word about the mental health, school safety, and criminal enforcement elements of violence in our society that must be part of a comprehensive solution. Is it acceptable to you that, when all is said and done, the only ideas our law-makers can come up with is to punish law-abiding gun owners-- by confiscating firearms, taxing them, and limiting their ability to themselves? Does this make sense when the information that emerged from the January hearings in Hartford clearly demonstrated that these measures will DO NOTHING to decrease crime in our state.

It is imperative that there be FULL PUBLIC HEARINGS on any legislation that results from task force recommendations and that the FULL DEMOCRATIC PROCESS NOT BE BY-PASSED or SUBVERTED as it was in NY and, apparently, in the way our governor would prefer. I oppose any legislation that has not had a full public hearing. At a minimum, citizens of this state have the right to a voice in this process and you have an obligation to LISTEN and REPRESENT US.

There is simply no justification for emergency certification of any bills on this issue, especially in the absence of any official findings on the Newtown shootings. To proceed on an emergency basis would be irresponsible and reckless.

I vote and this issue is of utmost importance to me. I am but one of thousands Connecticut residents who have heretofore quietly pursued life with my family without significant involvement. But I am outraged by the governor's actions, as well as some members of the legislature. I will no longer sit back and let them pass laws that diminish my rights.

I am watching your actions closely to insure that you honor your oath of office, which means upholding the constitution--all of it--and representing the citizens of this great state. Your handling of this matter will determine how I vote in the next election and to whom I offer my whole-hearted support.

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