

Issues:

- 1) Long Rifles that look like or carry the moniker of an assault type weapon.
- 2) High capacity magazines.
- 3) Better background checks.
- 4) Mental illness.
- 5) Trained safety personnel in schools.

Assault weapons.

I disagree with and would not support any candidate that voted for a ban on the sale of assault type weapons. These guns are great to use for a shooting enthusiast who shoots for sport and fun. Banning the sale of these weapons would take away a civil liberty that all law abiding citizens deserve to have. Banning the sale would punish the law abiding citizen. Banning the sale would prevent the law abiding citizen from exercising their 2nd amendment right. The law abiding citizen does not deserve to have these restrictions, taxes, banning put on them.

Placing a ban on these weapons will not stop a criminal from getting a weapon like these, if they want them they can get them on the black market as easily as you can by any banned drug.

Did banning the sale of illegal drugs stop people from getting that. Did something as simple as making a law that is supposed to make people wear seatbelts and not use a cell phone while driving make people do that? Only law abiding citizens obey laws and they do not deserve to have their rights trampled on because of the actions of a few when there are alternatives.

High capacity magazines.

Not being a highly trained rifle or gun shooter and not being use to high stress situations and the frequency of home invasions reported I know that if I had a high capacity magazine in a gun and was attacked by some criminals in my home that I would probably need all the rounds in that gun to stand a chance of defending my family.

Better background checks

I support better background checks. Not allowing a felon that is guilty of a violent crime or a mentally ill person to own a gun legally is a good idea. It won't stop a determined person from getting the gun they want illegally but it would not make it easier for them.

Mental illness.

Mental illness needs to be addressed in a serious manner in this state. The first news report I read after the Newtown tragedy was that the state of CT did not pass funding to address this issue.

Trained safety professionals in school.

The first thing that was said about this choice was the cost. If the budgets are at their max and hiring people to keep our children safe is expensive then cut backs in spending in other areas is the priority. Do not increase the spending but increase the cut backs to afford more important costs.

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