

To members of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group:

Please understand that passing new gun ban legislation will only effect law abiding citizens who could effectively become criminals and have done nothing wrong. If these schemes become law, I and other responsible gun owners, will have to begin surrendering our magazines and possibly modern sporting rifles, or face confiscation by the state police and a felony charge. It's important to me as a law-abiding Connecticut resident that you reject any proposal to make simple possession of a legally owned firearm or magazine a felony. Other proposals, such as an additional 50 percent sales tax on ammunition and requiring gun owners to maintain liability insurance would only serve to punish a group of citizens exercising our Constitutional right to protect our families and participate in hunting and shooting sports.

Instead lets focus on the true criminal issues at hand by holding those responsible for their deeds and actions. Taking a common sense approach to new legislation is what we need like adding a requirement that all firearm owners safely store both ammunition and unused firearms in controlled manor by use of a lock box or fire safe to the existing laws is a good start. New laws banning firearm types or magazine capacity does nothing to curb violent crimes it only reduces the potential victims response and increases the possibly of his or her demise. Our government demands and believes in equal or greater force for it's protection from evil and totalitarianism governments so does it's private citizens.

I asked that you comply to the oath you took when before taking office to up hold and protect our constitutional rights and our freedoms. You must listen to our calls/emails asking you **NOT** to pass any new firearms bans or ammunition tax's but enforce and strengthen what is already law. For if you choose to march down the path leading to infringement of our constitutional rights **WE THE PEOPLE** must and will stand together letting our votes and voices remove the current politicians from office and elect individuals to those seats that will protect the rights and freedoms of the people and uphold the constitution as it is written.

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