

I would like to state that I am a responsible gun owner, tax payer, law abiding citizen and one of your constituents. I keep my firearms locked securely in a gun safe when not in use as I believe most responsible gun owners do. I have been reading some of the proposed bills put forth in wake of the New Town tragedy and I am appalled at the knee jerk reaction that some of our elected officials are having and would like to go on record with my concerns.

Connecticut already has some of the strictest gun control laws in the country. The purposed new gun ban legislation will only affect law abiding citizens who could effectively become criminals without ever having done nothing wrong. If these senseless unfounded bills become law myself along with thousands other responsible Conn 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 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 you should be focused on the true criminal issues at hand by holding those responsible for their deeds and actions. We need to look at the root causes that are making people commit the heinous crimes. Taking a common sense approach to new legislation is what we need new laws banning firearm types or magazine capacity dose nothing to curb violent crimes it only reduces the potential victims response and increases the possibly of his or her's demise. Our government demands and believes in equal or greater force for it's protection from evil and totalitarianism governments so dose it's private citizens.

I asked that you comply to the oath you swore to uphold when before taking office to protect against infringement on our constitutional rights and our freedoms. You must listen to our calls/emails asking you not to pass any new firearms bans or increasing 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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