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An excerpt from an email received from Martin M. Looney, State Senator, Eleventh District.

"Thank you for contact me regarding the protection of gun related violence"

[Gun Control] *"is a complicated issue as the constitutional rights of gun owners must be weighed against the need to protect the public from guns manufactured for no other reason but to inflict maximum casualties. The US Supreme Court has held that the exercise of constitutional rights may be subject to reasonable governmental regulation to protect public health or safety under a state's police power".*

Response to State Senator Looney:

Yes it is a complicated issue and at this juncture I believe that the pressure to control guns is going beyond reasonable regulation. Connecticut is ranked 5th by the Brady scorecard for its existing stringent gun laws. Stronger enforcement of the existing laws would be a profitable tact for Connecticut government to take. I am extremely discouraged to know that you will be continuing to support gun control measures. I sincerely disagree with your comment "quoted; *None of the proposals I support would interfere with the rights of hunters and other legal gun users*". They are an infringement on the rights of law abiding citizens. *Are you suggesting that Connecticut should advance into a Police State, and through that we will be "safe"?* It is appalling that the facts are so clear that Gun Control does not work and yet those facts are being tossed aside to promote and attempt to force on the citizenry of Connecticut an agenda of a specific political party; an agenda that will harm law abiding citizens, cost jobs and have no effect at all on the crime rate in this state! I believe your resolve [State Senator Looney], and tact on this issue is severely flawed. If you succeed in accomplishing this goal, *and those opposed to your way of thinking will do all we can to see that you don't*, all you will do is put more of the general public at risk, but you already know that! The dangers being faced are those people who will do evil no matter the consequences because they have no moral compass. You **cannot** legislate morality.