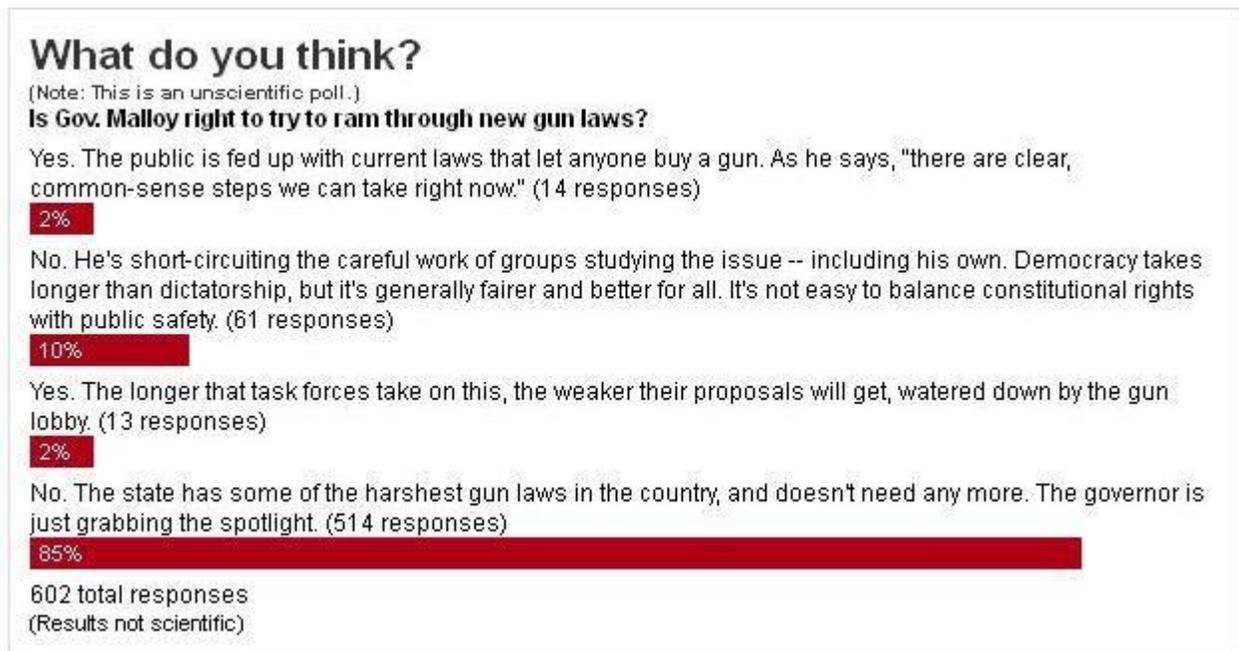


Members of the Gun Violence Task Force and the rest of the Connecticut General Assembly:

On Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> Governor Malloy released his “wish list” of proposed anti-gun legislation, independent of the very task force he created to study and make recommendations on the issue. He has apparently lost his patience with you, the members of the Task Force, and has publicly “thrown you under the bus” as it were.

It appears that the Governor feels it is within his rights to *dictate* to the citizens of Connecticut rather than follow the due process of our government. Our system of government was specifically designed to allow for proper checks and balances, as cumbersome as it may be at times. As an elected official working for the people of Connecticut, **We The People** expect no less from all of you to provide for full public hearings on all proposed legislation.

Here is a poll from The Hartford Courant from Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, clearly showing the feelings of 95% of **We The People**:



I am gravely concerned that the Governor’s political ambitions (it would appear as though he is looking for a Federal level appointment) are the driving force behind his actions. I am also concerned that he may try to pull the same non-sense that Governor Cuomo recently did, using the **EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION** process to ram legislation through without the proper due process.

Additionally it would appear that many of the Governor’s proposals are unconstitutional and un-enforceable. For instance:

- [District of Columbia v Heller](#) has already established that firearms in ‘common use’ are not subject to bans. They equated common use specifically with ‘military use’, so the Governor’s insistence on the repeated lie that the AR-15 is a military weapon is in line with his not understanding the case law out there.
- The ‘high capacity magazines’ he seeks to ban and confiscate are not ‘high capacity’, they are standard capacity. They are also in common use, and the Governor should know better than to think that the government can institute ex post facto bans. At the very least, the state would have to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to compensate every gun owner for every magazine they turn in. Connecticut does not have the money necessary to implement such a ban.
- ‘Safe storage’ laws are unconstitutional. Ask New York State. Their law was deemed by the New York Supreme Court to be ‘unenforceable’ since it was unconstitutional to require residents to keep all of their firearms locked up. (Colaiacovo v Dormer - 2008)

I write to advise you that I am **OPPOSED** to the use of **EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION** to push through **any and all** of the currently proposed firearms related bills that have been raised during the current Legislative Session of the Connecticut General Assembly as well as any that are a direct result of the Governor’s recent “wish list”.

This is **NOT** the correct use of Emergency Certification.

I also write to you that as part of the due process of government, the citizens of the State of Connecticut are entitled to a formal public hearing on each and every bill that is raised by committee. We will not tolerate anything less.

I urge you to **OPPOSE** without reservation any and all bills that come to the House and/or Senate via **EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION**.

I kindly remind you that as an elected official you work for the citizens of the State of Connecticut. We **are** keeping track of your actions, and we **are** paying attention to how you vote on these issues.