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Dear Elected Officials,

As a father of four, and as a twenty four year veteran police officer in CT, I was appalled at the recent shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT and felt I needed to voice my opinion on the "Gun Debate".

History has proven over and over that laws fail to prevent violence or crimes. Prohibition created organized crime in America. The decades old "War on Drugs" has been a billion dollar failure, as criminals will obtain drugs or weapons regardless of the laws. Today well over **20,000** gun laws exist in America and all they have done is punish the law abiding citizen.

The States and Cities with the strictest gun laws (California, Washington DC and Chicago, to name but a few) have the highest murder rates, and States and Cities with Right to Carry Laws, have the lowest rates of murder and violence.

Such reactionary laws as the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban accomplished nothing but to restrict the Constitutional Rights guaranteed under the 2nd Amendment. Again history proves you cannot legislate morality or human behavior.

We have become a nation without a moral compass, thanks to Hollywood, computer games and one cannot help but wonder if the total removal of religion, God, Creator, Supreme Being or whatever your preference may be, from our daily lives has created the societal breakdown we are witnessing and that no laws can correct.

I beseech you to support the 2nd Amendment. If any person, Democrat or Republican, took the time to read what our Founding Fathers said about the importance of the 2nd Amendment and why they created it, there would be no discussion on this topic. Instead we would be addressing the mental health care failure in this country.

As Abraham Lincoln said "We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the Courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution". Our elected officials seem to have forgotten that "We the people", are the government!

According to the US Census Bureau and FBI, here are some numbers for you to ponder before passing **more** ineffective gun laws.

- Over 300,000 Americans are injured on our highways annually.
- 80,000 Forcible rapes occur annually.
- 33,000 Americans are killed on our highways annually.

- 13,000 Murders (steadily declining since the 90's) occur annually.
- *Approximately. 8,000 Handgun deaths annually.
- *Approximately 350 Rifle deaths annually.
- *All firearms deaths include, gang, suicide, accidental and police shootings.

There are laws against all of the aforementioned statistics, yet they keep occurring! No reasonable person, Democrat or Republican can honestly believe that any law has ever prevented a crime.

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PREAMBLE.

"The People of Connecticut acknowledging with gratitude, the good providence of God, in having permitted them to enjoy a free government; do, in order more effectually to define, secure, and perpetuate the liberties, rights and privileges which they have derived from their ancestors; hereby, after a careful consideration and revision, ordain and establish the following constitution and form of civil government.

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Your Humble Servant,

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