

Dear committee,

I am writing to urge you to make common sense laws and changes to gun ownership as well as ammunition. Safety is always an issue and many laws have been enacted to increase the chances that people remain safe in our country - seat belt laws, taxes on cigarettes, and what about the guards they have along highway overpasses (because people have been hurt by others hurling objects on to cars going by)? Clearly our society supports ways to protect it's citizens.

Please pass legislation that:

1. Strengthens our assault weapons ban with a focus on improving current list and strengthening functionality features; apply "one military feature" test to definition of assault weapons. Bans possession and sale with no grandfathering.
2. Bans large capacity ammunition magazines of more than 7 rounds. No grandfathering.
3. Requires universal background checks on ALL sales and transfers, including long guns.
4. Requires registration of handguns with annual renewal. Require annual fee and annual background check for all guns owned; stipulation that they are still in the possession of original purchaser or transferee; explanation for any gun still not being in their possession. Require safety inspection every three years. Charge fee on initial registration and renewal.
5. Make gun owners liable for negligent storage if any person gains access to firearms and injures himself or another person or causes damage to property. The violation would be a Class D felony
6. Requires permit/license to purchase and carry all guns, including long guns, and to purchase ammunition
7. Prohibits sales of guns or ammunition via internet to CT residents. 8. Restricts handgun sales to one gun/month.

Additionally, please consider:

50% tax on ammunition sales. Finished ammunition, not components.
Graded permits based on level of training and proficiency.
Liability insurance required for gun owners.
Microstamping of bullet casings.

Thank you for your time and please make some changes that can help keep our society safer!!

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