

I have prior to today only taken the opportunity to write an elected representative once or twice in my lifetime. I realize now that I must do so to have my voice heard given the actions of some representatives in both state and federal governments to propose more anti-gun laws, and to violate the Second Amendment of the very Constitution they have taken an oath to protect.

The Newtown shootings were horrible and tragic. Yet how can any more anti-gun laws being proposed prevent them any more than the 40 plus gun laws already on the books in the state of Connecticut (already among the top 5 states with the strictest anti-gun laws in the US) which Adam Lanza violated in committing his crimes.

It is clear to all who look at facts, as opposed to those who look for excuses to further their own agenda, that anti-gun laws do not protect citizens. Chicago, the city with the strictest anti-gun laws in the nation, racked up a whopping 532 murders in 2012 - more than military deaths in Afghanistan. And of course the opposite is true. The cities and states with the fewest restrictions on guns are the safest. How could it be otherwise? Criminals by definition break the law, so what does breaking an anti-gun law mean to them? Nothing, just another law to ignore like Adam Lanza did. Anti-gun laws only deprive law-abiding citizens like myself of their constitutional right to protect themselves and their families from those who would prey on unarmed citizens. More gun control is clearly not the answer.

I urge you to do three things:

One - Oppose ANY new gun restrictions, in any degree or form.

Two - Repeal ALL CURRENT Unconstitutional "laws" which infringe on our constitutional rights to bear arms.

Three - Introduce or co-sponsor favorable supporting legislation to reinforce the Second Amendment.

For me and many, many others this is a critical issue for where our elected representatives view the Constitutional limits our founding fathers enacted for our protection. My community, family and friends will be watching your actions, and to the extent they are not consistent with the above we will seek to see that you are replaced at the next election by those who will.

Respectfully,

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