

Dear members of the Working Group:

Who am I to speak about gun control?

I am an American , born and raised in CT all my life. I am a husband to my wife who teaches at a Technical High School, brother to another at a different technical school.

I am here to speak out against all of the proposed restrictions that would be placed on me, my family, and all other law abiding citizens.

New laws will not deter criminal behavior, as criminals don't follow laws. It will only make their deeds easier to pursue. I do not understand how others cant see this. We had an AWB and it did nothing to deter criminals.

Connecticut gun control laws are already among the strictest in the nation, yet they could not prevent the murders in Newtown because those laws do not apply to criminals. Unfortunately, history shows that no law will prevent such tragedies. A bat, a knife, a hammer will cause the same damage in the hands of deranged criminal. Stricter gun laws only serve to deprive good, law abiding citizens of their constitutionally protected liberties. These laws also act to restrict someone like me the ability to defend myself, my family and my community. As much as you might detest this thought: At the end of the day the only protection against bad man with a gun, is a good man with a gun. I am that good man with a gun and I make our community safer because of it. I resent the implication that if my choice of gun/magazines/ammunition were restricted that this would be a safer world, it will not.

Please honor the Constitution state as generations before us did in order to preserve their legacy. Do not help those who wish to turn this wonderful country into a concentration camp. We all deserve a life without fear. The only fear we and our children should have is the fear of God.

Sincerely,

Steve Walkuski