

Honorable Legislators,

Recent data from FBI clearly shows the relationship between restricting citizens from gun ownership and the incidence of violent crime with guns. These statistics are readily available and I have included just top and bottom of the murder table for your convenience.

Latest data - 2011 statistics from FBI. Facts:

New Hampshire and Rhode Island - two of the least restrictive firearms control of mainland United States and both "Stand your Ground" states.

Lowest murder rates on the US mainland - .53 & .57 per 100,000 respectively.

District of Columbia - Most restrictive gun laws in the US mainland, no "Stand your Ground" law. Highest murder rate in USA - 12.46 per 100,000. (23.5 times higher than NH.) Highest firearms robberies in USA - 242.56 per 100,000. (24.6 times higher than NH.)

Please do not make Connecticut another District of Columbia.

Thanks You,

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