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I am strongly opposed to the gun control legislation that has come about due to the tragedy that recently occurred at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. While I grieve for all of us affected, and wish for such an occurrence to never again happen, I also realize that attacking the Constitutional rights of the law abiding is not the proper corrective measure to take. Every facet of what the murderer Adam Lanza did that day was already against existing Connecticut laws. The crime was committed in a state where we already have an Assault Weapons Ban in place. Any additional gun laws would negatively impact the majority of law abiding sportsmen and women in Connecticut. These owners of semi-automatic rifles and handguns are not criminals or individuals that commit violent acts; they are honest, trustworthy citizens who own these firearms and magazines for lawful purposes including sport, competition, and self defense.

As a husband, father, and business owner I am in favor of a safe environment for our fellow citizens. However, considering the fact that Connecticut already has some of the most comprehensive gun laws in the country, enacting additional regulations would only affect law abiding gun owners, not criminals who already disregard current laws.

In addition, has there been any consideration in State or Town budgets for the application of these proposed laws? What local or State agencies would be tasked with enforcing these proposed restrictions against the law abiding citizens?

With the above information in mind, I strongly oppose any new gun legislation and ask for your thoughtful consideration when any of these proposed bills are reviewed.

Respectfully,

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