

I am currently concerned about the rampant attacks against law abiding firearm owners. It is not fair that we are being demonized by the media. We all agree that something needs to be done about firearms falling into the wrong hands, but a the "ban-happy" bandwagon will not solve anything. It only serves to push both sides away from the table, labeling each other wingnuts. This is counterproductive for obvious reasons.

I would like to believe that you will respect and defend the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States the same way our founding forefathers did while they were alive. The current "situation" is driving a wedge between any meaningful debate with the prize of common ground becoming smaller and smaller. Indeed, fueling the conspiracy theories and hype by the people inclined to believe such things. The government is frightened by our firearms and why we feel the "need" to own one,etc.

Just take a look at firearm and ammunition sales currently. I have been shooting for years now (over 40), and do you know I CANNOT find .22 cal rim fire ammunition in stores? Why? Because everyone is buying it, hoarding it, whatever. It has become almost insane with regard to what is happening right now all over the country, not just in Connecticut. Is this what the anti-gun people wanted to accomplish with their rhetoric ? They are on target if so.

How does this keep people from knee jerk decisions like whether or not to even own a firearm in the first place - something which should never be taken on lightly. Firearm ownership is a huge responsibility and security of the firearm is paramount to ultimate safety for everyone concerned.

Let's look into why young people, or anyone for that matter, would consider taking the life of someone else for any reason, Mental disorder? Honestly we all know it is not video games and rock and roll...it is, after all, exactly what Mr. Henson Ong said at the state capitol only a week or so ago and that is "Societal Decay" - NOT law abiding firearm owners.

Please promise us/me that you will continue to work to help solve this issue and protect our rights as law abiding,tax paying citizens; furthermore that you will protect the 2nd Amendment and the whole Constitution from erroneous attacks by people who act with their hearts before they act with the facts.

Senator Witkos, Thank you for your time and consideration. There is hope, and we can make a difference. It must be done wiith cold hard facts instead of cold hard slaps in the faces of law abiding firearm owners.

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