

As a law abiding gun owner with a CT right to carry permit, I need to comment on what was printed. The first thing I need to say is I do agree with some of the recommendations.

- 1) I agree, even though some of my friends do not concur with me, that individuals who purchase and own long guns be fully licensed as I am.
- 2) Sell ammunition to only individuals who have permits to carry a pistol, revolver, and long guns.
- 3) Do limit high capacity magazines but now limit the magazines to 7 rounds. Ten rounds should be the limit. My reasoning is there are tens of thousands of 10 round mag weapons. And, the difference between 7 & 10 is insignificant. But, going from 10 to 15 or 30 is a huge jump. CT attempted to pass this law a few years ago.
- 4) No issue with limiting purchases. But let's limit this an annual purchase.

Now for the items I totally think are just ridiculous.

- 1) Re-licensing ever year. This not only would be a huge burden on the present licensed gun owners but on the local, state, and federal authorities to do the background check. When you state, "including an annual fee", sounds like a tax. We need to renew our present licenses every 5 years. Let's leave it as is.

You state doing this will get the authorities to get a handle on the illegal market. This is a very stupid misnomer. Anyone can go to the major cities in CT and buy a weapon on the black market. Mr. Obama lives in Chicago and Washington D.C. They have the toughest gun laws in the country. Yet, Chicago had approximately 25 killings the first 2 weeks with guns. And, DC is one of the most violent cities in the country.

- 2) ) Gun owners are responsible for storage of their weapons. But, why make it a felony? I have a fully loaded pistol in my night table for self protection. Do you want us to keep it locked? Gee burglar please wait I need to insecure my weapon to protect my family. Most gun owners are very diligent in securing and keeping the weapons safe. But, there are some that are not. Why not make it a felony if a parent leaves the keys to the car on a table and a child without a license goes on a joy ride.
- 3) Here we go again with this liberal stuff. Tax ammunition. Well! We do have a tax of 6.35%, which is a sales tax. You put a huge tax on ammo and every one will head out of state and buy the stuff. This is why they go to MA to buy booze.

Now let's look at a few recommendations from a legal gun owner.

- 1) There are states, such as, VT that has very weak gun laws. Anyone can purchase a weapon in some of these states. Why not pass a federal law that would require all states to honor each other's gun licensing laws. And, force all states to have a licensing process that complies with federal guidelines.
- 2) Follow MA laws. You get caught with a weapon and not licensed in MA you go to jail for 1 year. It is automatic.
- 3) Try to stop the straw gun purchases. Criminals go to states such as VT and buy the weapons, remove the serial numbers, and sell them for a huge profit.
- 4) Be realistic about what laws you want to pass. Do not pass feel good laws. It does not work.
- 5) There is a politician who wants CT to publish the names and addresses of all gun owners. Now! This is really stupid. All the criminals will know where the weapons are. How would you like to be responsible for another SH incident? Mom & dad go out for a nice evening, have baby sitter watch a couple of young children, criminal sees the parents leave, break in, harm or possibly kill the children, and leave with the weapons.