

I am a law-abiding citizen of Connecticut and responsible gun owner with a pistol permit dating back to the early 90's.

In August of 2011 there was a attempted home invasion at my house . I had confronted a thug with my gun to convince him it was a very bad idea as he was crawling in through my window. He immediately stopped in his tracks, backed out, and ran away (most likely soiling himself in the process). I was the first responder. The police were the second responders 5 minutes later.

Interestingly, my next door neighbor was burglarized a few months prior to that, and, had a second burglary just less than 2 weeks ago of this year.

As you are probably well aware, these types of situations (some being much worse) happen every day. I am saddened by the tragic events in Newtown, Connecticut, but I believe that efforts to impose new restrictions on me and other lawful and responsible people are misguided.

Why isn't the number of defensive gun situations ever discussed or acknowledged by the people trying to take away our rights?

Why is there limited record keeping and statistics when the mere presence of gun from a law abiding person diffuses/stops a criminal act?

I strongly feel the proposed bills being introduced by senator Bye and Rep. Robert Godfrey are without logic and reason.

Emergency Certification on firearms related bills is not the correct use of our legislative process.

We deserve hearings on specific firearms bills that are raised by a committee only.

I feel your focus should be to:

- Strengthening mental health care
- Improving the quality of data supporting NICS checks (National Instant Criminal Background Check System)
- Include background checks on all gun purchases including private sales by use of and ffl dealer.
- Enforce the current laws and lengthen prison sentences for criminals that conduct violent acts.
- Oppose any bill that comes to the House or Senate via Emergency Certification.

Sincerely,  
Tim Howard