

Mr Mayor Destefano

I would like to applaud you on your input yesterday in Hartford on the GUN VIOLENCE ISSUE! I cannot see any rationale in most of the proposed state bills put forth by the panel, either they do not have intention to address the extremely serious issues we have at hand with VIOLENCE because they don't visit the city to witness this first hand or they just plane out have a certain agenda they want to accomplish. I grew up in the projects were people went to buy drugs among other things and I have first hand experience with what goes on and saw honest law abiding citizens live in fear and most of them defenseless, uneducated, poor just trying to provide for their family looking for a way out.

Most of the politicians from the upper class towns do NOT have a clue what is going on in our inner cities and think the inner city people just choose to live there and accept what happens there. I knew at a very young age I needed to keep straight and work hard to get the hell out!

When issues like Newtown occur our state politicians feel a need to "FINALLY" do something. Are these politicians that blind? Do you not talk to any of them with these serious issues, do they choose not to listen until it happens in their district? Do they not know that gangs and drug dealers prey on the weak and defenseless aside from each other, with innocent young children getting shot in the crossfire, Do they not hear the horrific stories of mothers and daughters being raped everyday or beaten to death with a pipe by there boyfriends and husband? **These are the every day Violent acts carried out in our cities.** I cannot watch or even bear to listen to the local news anymore so I don't. I wonder if they turn a blind eye and deaf ear to this as well after all can they really make a difference?

Of all the Democrats that stood before that "GUN CONTROL PANEL" you were the most commendable and I truly praise you for that! Your Party needs to listen to you! You see this Violence every single day and you seem like the type of politician that can make an honest decision based on reality not on your party affiliation. I am certain that I will not agree on every one of your issues with this matter of " so called **Gun Violence**" but if you were to choose on the 3 most important real issues and hand, I am certain we will agree!

Enforce the laws already in place! (Adam Lanza violated the law with a class "D" felony just a few days before the shooting by filling out incorrect paperwork to purchase a firearm and was never confronted?)

Give our Law enforcement all the resources need to complete their jobs.

Provide all the necessary information to back ground checks(criminal,psychological, medical) and examine it thoroughly.

Start a gun violence registry.

MOST IMPORTANTLY

Allow law abiding citizens to defend themselves in any act of violence with what ever means necessary and not to restrict them, because we do not know what they need at the time of attack.

You and I would rather have more than enough to defend ourselves rather than to just be a little short!

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