

Dear Sirs,

The Connecticut Citizens Defense League has informed me that you are not holding your meetings in accordance with the law. This is unacceptable. Any proposed legislation MUST have a public hearing. The closed door process is not how proper legislation is produced, ever. I personally feel that ANY bill that has not been debated on in public is, by nature, null and void.

I am a resident of the State of Arizona. Out here in the west, we feel that we need to keep a close eye on what goes on in your State legislature, because it has an effect on the Nation as a whole. Just know this, we are watching you closely. The tragedy of the Sandy Hook massacre was terrible, and quite possibly, NO law could have prevented it from happening. Be very careful what laws you pass. Be wary of the unintended consequences of the laws you pass. Bans and such do not deter criminals and crazy people, but absolutely affect the rights of the law abiding. Case in point, Connecticut already has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country. Yet those laws did not prevent anything, why?

Your job is to protect the rights of your constituents, and by that, I do not mean that laws should be passed just because "something should be done". Always respect the rights of the people. To create bad law is a far worse tragedy that any mass murder ever can be. In fact, bad law made this a tragedy, by virtue of the restrictions of the federal Gun Free Schools act.

One armed teacher could have stopped the whole thing in its tracks. Mass murderers go where the pickings are easy. Gun free zones are those places, no question about it.

Please hold all your hearings in public, and respect the rights of your citizens. We are watching you.

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