

Gun Violence Prevention Group,

We can agree that the tragedy that occurred in Newtown was an unfathomable horror and together I hope we can find a way to prevent this from happening again. However, I ask you to reconsider the bills regardless of your personal stance on firearms and firearm ownership. We can all work together to make our state, cities, towns, neighborhoods and our schools safer. But I believe the bills being introduced since the Newtown tragedy in regards to firearms, ammunition (purchasing and storing) and firearm ownership are missing the mark. I believe that they are a knee jerk reaction that punishes the legal firearm owner in the state of Connecticut.

The people who wish to do harm and break the law will not care about registering their assault weapon or if their magazine is over 10 rounds or if they need liability insurance or if their rifle has 3 or 2 or 1 evil feature which makes their rifle a assault weapon. Only the law abiding firearm owner will.

I have been a licensed firearm for over 20 years. While I agree that a call to action is needed to help curb the violence in our society the recently proposed bills making their way through our legislature are missing the mark. They would do nothing but turn the law abiding firearm owner into lawbreakers, force people to forfeit legally purchased property or at best put undo burden (both financially and personally) to comply.

We should be concentrating on making our schools safer, working to better our care for the mentally ill and enforcing the laws that are already written.

The people of Ct who legally purchase and possess firearms are not the cause for concern. We have been vetted by law enforcement at both the state and federal level. Every time we purchase a firearm we go through a background check. We are forever vigilant to not run afoul of the law whenever we carry, transport or store our firearms for fear of breaking the law . You would be hard pressed to find a group of people in society who are more occupied with staying within the law as the legal firearm owner.

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