

Dear Task Force on Gun Violence,

I'm writing to you today to voice my concern over further restrictions on legal law abiding gun owners in the great state of Connecticut. There seems to be many idea's on how to curb gun violence in our state, most of which I oppose because I feel "Assault Weapon" and "Large Capacity Magazine" bans do nothing more than make current owners of these items into felons. These type's of weapons and magazine's are widely used in our state for sporting purposes as well as home defense.

A study, commissioned by Congress, found that bans were not effective since; "The banned weapons and magazines were never used in more than a modest fraction of all gun murders. The federal "Assault gun" law (including magazine restrictions) was repealed. If these attempts have already been made to curb gun violence and failed, why waste valuable time enacting more? There's many arguments I can use to support my reason to oppose such law's, but it all comes to one point. Criminals won't, and currently do NOT obey such legislation. Further restrictions will only effect current law abiding citizens, leaving us at a disadvantage to the murder's and madman that roam our streets.

Another restriction I strongly oppose, maybe even more so than an Assault Weapon/Magazine ban, is the attempt to financially discriminate citizens by raising fee's on permits, tax on ammo, and proposing "Liability Insurance". The ability to defend one's self or family should not be a "privilege" to only those with sufficient funds to do so. Rich or poor, the 2nd Amendment gives us the right to Keep and Bare arms all the same. It already take's hundred's of dollars to legally acquire a pistol permit in Connecticut. Increasing the amount of money it takes would deny underprivileged citizens an ability to defend themselves if they couldn't afford such fee's. Having financial issue's is an increasing problem in today's economy, being poor or financially unstable shouldn't mean your a criminal.

Thank you for listening.

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