

Dear members of the Gun Violence Prevention task force,

As a 30 plus year resident of Connecticut I have long watched my state legislature propose and enact various laws that are ineffective and based purely on either; party ideology or the emotional need to “do something” to combat the issue of the day.

The latest legislative efforts now revolve around what is being billed as “common sense gun control” in the wake of the tragedy at Sandy Hook. From what I've read of the 85+ proposed bills involving new firearm regulation I can categorically state that they ARE NOT “common sense” proposals. And further, they would not have prevented the horrific tragedy at Sandy Hook. Rather, once again, my politicians are engaged in the effort to impose their desire to punish, restrict, and control the masses based on; their lack of knowledge on firearms, their fear of firearms, the actions of a lone crazed homicidal individual; and in some cases their party ideology. What makes things offensively worse, some are shamelessly using the deaths of 27 of their fellow citizens to do it.

As if that weren't bad enough, comes word that “Emergency Certification” will be used to ram through various proposed bills (or ones yet to be proposed) out of sight of the citizens view and their input.

I am alarmed and utterly dismayed that such a nefarious tactic would be used to impose the will of a select few upon the entire citizenry of this great state.

I urge you to OPPOSE the use of “Emergency Certification” to pass legislation.

I urge you to OPPOSE all bills that further restrict firearms from law abiding citizens. OPPOSE all bills that further civilian disarmament. Please support the application of EXISTING laws to prevent firearms from being used for illegal purposes.

I urge my legislators to use the normal public process. Have public legislative committee hearings. Allow public input and debate on proposed legislation. Do not let emotions or party ideology drive the use extreme, unusual, rarely used, legislative measures to ram through poorly conceived legislation that would not have prevented the tragedy at Sandy Hook.

I will be frank and admit that in the past I haven't paid that much attention to legislation previously proposed and passed. I have trusted that my legislators would, at the very least, try to act in my best interests, would act to preserve my rights. Sadly, I now see I should have been paying more attention. I now see that some legislators are actively engaged in passing laws that seek to punish me. And that some legislators now seek to view me, a law abiding citizen, as a felon for following previously enacted laws. No longer. I will actively OPPOSE ALL legislators who seek to restrict my rights, and the rights of my fellow citizens.

In closing I would like to thank you for reading this letter. I ask, once again, that you OPPOSE the use of “Emergency Certification”. And to OPPOSE ALL legislation that that restricts the rights of law abiding citizens to possess that which is enumerated in Article 1, Section 15 of the Connecticut Constitution and enumerated in the 2nd Amendment of the United States Bill of Rights.

Thank you,  
Resident of New Haven, CT