

Dear Bipartisan Task Force,

I thank you for your time and I am grateful you are giving the public a chance to speak. I believe the meeting on Monday was successful and I am very proud that the people of this great state voiced their overwhelming opposition to any of the proposed bills. You heard many common sense solutions and I hope you are better educated in the area of gun control. I think it was obvious that the anti-gun argument was based solely on emotion with no facts. I pray that Connecticut does not go the same route as New York with tyrannical bills shoved down the public's throat even though so many were opposed. I ask you to reject any bills that ban firearms because of their cosmetics, any bills that limit magazine capacity and any bills that ask to me to register my firearms. I would support a bill that requires a background check for all purchases. Perhaps you could create a program that would provide gun safes at a discount to the public. This way safe storage could be ensured without any ridiculous legislation that will not work. I also ask you to do Mark Mattioli's will and enforce the laws that we do have. Do not make criminals out of law abiding, taxpaying citizens that vote in every election. Furthermore, I think it is ridiculous that the Connecticut state police feel that they should be the only ones who should be able to own "assault weapons" and "high capacity magazines". Aren't our lives just as important as theirs? Don't I deserve the same ability to protect my family as the state troopers do? We are not a police state we are a Government for the people by the people. I love this country and this state and I pray you do not take my freedoms away. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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