

Dear Members; I address this letter to all three committees because it is important that we have a starting point from which we start our work to provide a safer environment not only for our schools but indeed all of Connecticut. By this I mean we have to understand the laws and regulations that are in effect at the present time. Which ones work and have they had an impact to achieving the states goals. To be objective we must absolutely understand where we are to move forward in a productive manner. A rush to judgement in making new law or not properly funding the long term goals will be no better than "kicking the can down the road". Let us make changes that will stand the test of time, provide for better safety, adhere to the " rule of law".

Whatever the outcome we have to remember that this nation is a Republic, with a national and state constitutional system of law. We as a people have opinions regarding our rights under this system, that does not make one side good and the other evil, only different. To disavow or marginalize the rights of law abiding citizens or to fail to protect the rights and safety of our children or citizens rests with you. You have your work cut out for you. You will be judged at the ballot box as to your abilities to govern this state. I fear that there may be a lack of courage & ability in your body politic to respond in a sensible manner. Perhaps a state wide referendum such as when you lacked the courage to dislodge the Sheriffs system and let the people do it for you.

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