

Your name: Harwood Loomis

Your e-mail address: hloomis@juno.com

Subject: Proposed Firearms Ordinance

Message: Please be advised that the anti-firearms ordinance you are contemplating is an unwarranted infringement on a constitutionally-guaranteed right, and it will not -- in fact, it cannot -- accomplish your intended goal. This is not a "Second Amendment:" issue -- this is far closer to home. Please review our State constitution. Article I, § 15 of the State constitution states: "Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself [or herself] and the state." This provision has been in our State constitution without change since the State constitution was first adopted, in 1818. That's more than 200 years. By definition, criminals do not obey laws. A study of mass shootings in the United States will show that a very high percentage of them were carried out in places where firearms were prohibited. Enacting further restrictions on where law-abiding citizens are allowed to exercise their constitutional right to be armed for self-defense only infringes the rights of the law-abiding, while doing nothing to stop criminals who pay no attention to signs or ordinances. As a senior citizen and Vietnam veteran, I am not in any physical condition to resist a younger, stronger, faster, and potentially armed attacker. I own and carry a firearm because it is my best hope to protect myself against the possibility of an attack. Respectfully, I find it unconscionable that you would consider making it unlawful for me to possess the means for defending myself when I am in your town.

Your name: Garry

Your e-mail address: higgrdiggr@aol.com

Subject: 2nd ammendment rights:

Message: I Strongly OBJECT to the following proposals: banning gun owners from; openly carrying firearms in town; banning guns on town property; and banning firearms at any public demonstrations.

Your name: Richard W Mayhew

Your e-mail address: rmayhew343@gmail.com

Subject: Proposed gun ordinances for December 2, 2020

Message: To Council Members, I have sent my comments to the N.A.A. site, and I'm not confident they would share them with you as I dis-agree with the proposed ordinances. I'm a retired firefighter/paramedic of 24 years from the Town of Hamden and prior to that career I was a Connecticut State Trooper for 7 years. I'm not a proponent of "open carry" because I would lose a "tactical advantage", not because of any intimidation factor. Police Officers carry openly, does that intimidate anyone. Hunters in the fields and woods openly carry, does that intimidate. Military units marching in parades openly carry, are we intimidated? Responsible, law abiding gun owners, statistically, have a LOWER crime rate than Law Enforcement Officers. Over 10,000 openly carrying law abiding gun owners rallied in Richmond, Virginia at the State Capitol. NOT one incident of harassment or intimidation occurred. NO violence, NO arrests. NO rioting or looting! No one can say that for our major cities this year! And NONE of that violence was by responsible, law abiding gun owners! The N.A.A. use of the word intimidation is a smoke-screen for an agenda to punish and restrict the rights of law abiding citizens ONLY! No criminal, gang member, drug dealer, or MENTALLY UNSTABLE former student will follow or abide by these ordinances. The Sandy Hook Tragedy was committed by a severely mentally un-stable man who was enabled by his mentally un-stable mother! His rate of fire was extremely slow because he knew the police response would take between 8-10 minutes. By law the police are NOT legally responsible to protect every citizen at all times. It is IMPOSSIBLE. Law abiding, responsible gun owners know that they are responsible for protecting their lives and those innocents under their mantle of protection for those dangerous 8-10 minutes! Over a million incidents occur each year where a legally carrying gun owner has stopped or prevented a violent crime from occurring. Usually without a single shot fired. These are facts from reputable research universities. You CANNOT legislate to stop insane acts of violence. You cannot pass any law which a criminal will abide by. They are a criminal because they violate society's laws every day. Please consider what I've said during your deliberations.

Respectfully,

Richard W. Mayhew

Plantville, Ct. 06479

Dear Town Council Members,

I am a former Cheshire town official. I heard of the NAA proposals. I urge you to preserve the freedoms we as US citizens have and reject their proposed restrictions.

While the desire to not suffer from actions of demented criminals such as the Dec 15th incident is great, restrictive laws can not create Utopian societies. It is a judgement by NAA that the rest of society is untrustworthy. Let freedom reign!

Regards,
John Pepper

Your name: Ben Bing

Your e-mail address: jbbmpd@aol.com

Subject: Gun Restrictions

Message: Hello, my name is Ben. I do not live in Newtown, but spend a lot of time there. I have several friends living in Newtown. I am a senior who carries a handgun, both for protection and sport. I understand you are looking to ban people, residents and non-residents, from carrying guns in Newtown. I understand the school issue, as I lost someone very close that day. I also understand that the tool used was a gun. But to ban the tool that so many people carry with them, makes no sense at all. If the tool used was a baseball bat, and we all know these have been used as weapons, would you consider banning baseball bats? I sure hope not. I hope you will look at this issue and realize how many lives will be affected by your decisions. I am hoping and praying you will make the right decision. Thank you so much for your time and attention to this vital matter.

Ben Bing...

Your name: Tom DePalo

Your e-mail address: tdepalo@outlook.com

Subject: NAA - proposals are against my constitutional rights

Message: To All Town Council Members The NAA is proposing that we should give up our rights under the constitution and I completely disagree with this position. I looked at the photos that NAA has posted in their proposal and the open carry does not look threatening to me. They look like law-abiding citizens that exercising their rights. This seems that it should go to the state supreme court if this ordinance is installed and fought tooth and nail.

Your name: Martin Graf

Your e-mail address: grafdrm@yahoo.com

Subject: Peaceful assembly

Message: To whom it may concern: I was disappointed to see more "cancel culture" rhetoric by the Newtown Action Alliance to try and take away the 1st and 2nd Amendment rights of CT residents who happen to be gun owners. It is saddening to see and read commentary aimed at taking away freedoms afforded in the Bill of Rights. Law-abiding citizens in possession of fire arms should not have their freedoms impinged on by those who don't agree with their right to possess and carry a gun. Using past tragedies as the basis for imposing additional arbitrary rules on law-abiding tax payers seeks to acquiesce to a vocal few who fundamentally don't agree with the tenants we hold dear as Americans. I hope the Newtown Legislative Council will consider that CT already has some of the strictest gun and weapon laws in the country and additional rules will serve no purpose other than to pander to a minority who does not believe in the 2nd Amendment and who have even gone so far as to oppose gatherings of gun owners (violating their 1st Amendment right to peaceably assemble). Strict gun control legislation already exists in CT and there is no need to further impede the freedoms of the tax-paying, law-abiding citizens of this state.

Thank you,
Martin Graf, PhD

Respected Representatives,

Fear causes reaction and over reaction. I appeal to you as a responsible gun owner who carries when I am walking into vacant abandoned homes for sale, that passing a law banning guns will only make the criminals unopposed. I do carry in vacant foreclosed or abandoned homes in case there are illegal squatters or drug users as a way to be able to vacate safely, a deterrent only. Passing frivolous laws to feel better don't accomplish what you want.

For example, the 10 round max law. Does anyone on the panel actually think someone willing to commit mass murder is thinking that's the law that tips the scale? That killing as many people as possible must occur under 10 rounds at a time? That alone is insanity.

abuse or any other violent offense, can you say that about a stranger in the pew next to you? Please vote no to further encroachment upon individuals rights to appease one groups unfounded and frankly illogical fears.

I am a Veteran, and Connecticut gun owner, and consider Newtown's attacks on the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution reprehensible. Connecticut would be much better served by citizens who protected the Constitution, instead of subverting it, and trying to tear it apart.

Eric W. Belko Sr.

Your name: Neal Mallett

Your e-mail address: nealmallett@gmail.com

Subject: Attacks against a Constitutional right

Message: To all members, any unlawful attacks towards the citizens 2nd amendment rights will be backed by class action lawsuits by not only citizens of your town but by those across the WHOLE statue as a whole, something this town could never win.

Hi, The Constitution of The United States prohibits Newtown CT government from infringing on a citizen's right to keep and bear arms and to peacefully protest while keeping and bearing arms.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Richard Medina

Your name: Victor Kijonka

Your e-mail address: victorkijonka82@gmail.com

Subject: Newtown action alliance

Message: Hello, brief and straight to the point. The proposals Newtown action alliance has are a violation of the United states constitution. This group seeks to violate Newtown citizens second amendment rights and do nothing to keep anyone safe. Newtown action alliance should be told they have no grounds to violate the people of newtown's constitutional right of protecting themselves, others, and peacefully protesting their constitutional rights. We are a country bound to the United states constitution

Your name: Richard Medina

Your e-mail address: rickgmedina@me.com

Subject: 1st and 2nd amendment

Message: The Constitution of The United States prohibits the government from infringing on our right to keep and bear arms and to peacefully assemble to protest while keeping and bearing arms. That includes the local government on Newtown CT.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Richard Medina

Please oppose these firearm ordinance proposals. Thank you for your consideration.

Ray

Your name: Vanessa Villamil

Your e-mail address: vanvil77@aol.com

Subject: Proposed firearm ordinances

Message: I am writing to support the proposed firearms ordinances. As a resident of Sandy Hook, I know how damaging guns can be without any sensible controls on them. I would be extremely uncomfortable in a public place in

this town if there was someone there with a gun. And our children should not be subjected to armed people in public places. I'm surprised that there is even a discussion about this. Really? The ordinances proposed are sensible

and not burdensome for gun owners.

Your name: Rowen Villamil

Your e-mail address: Roclimber5@gmail.com

Subject: Local Gun Ordinance

Message: I am writing to support the proposed gun ordinances because why don't we already have one after children were brutally in our own town?

Your name: Janice Fields

Your e-mail address: janicefields9911@gmail.com

Subject: Legislation to ban firearms on public property

Message: I support legislation to ban open carry in Newtown, to ban firearms on public property and to ban firearms during demonstrations, vigils, and rallies.

Thanks

Dear Members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing to express my explicit opposition to any ordinances that will attempt to restrict my and my fellow law-abiding Newtown and Connecticut residents from exercising our God-given right to self-defense. Carrying a firearm is like an insurance policy. It is of the utmost importance to have in the event it is needed. No person wants to actually use it but having it is essential.

The Second Amendment to the Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut protect my God-given right.

Thank you for your time

Your constituent and fellow taxpayer,

Richard Fisher

Richard B. Fisher, DDS

Phone: (203) 364-4007

Email: rbfdds@gmail.com

Your name: Kenneth Keeler

Your e-mail address: kenkee2001@yahoo.com

Subject: No new firearms prohibitions

Message:

Good evening,

CCDL informed me that the council will hear a request by NAA to place bans on open carry for various reasons and at various locations in Newtown. As a CT resident and someone who takes gun ownership very seriously it is unreasonable to expect this kind of limitation in a state where open carry is legal. The approach being taken by the NAA is yet another form of gun control being placed on, not only Newtown's citizens, but all CT residents who may visit Newtown. As a CT resident, I am urging the council to deny this infringement.

Sincerely,

Ken Keeler

-.....their illusion make us less safe not more, 'Gun free zones' are near impossible to enforce 100%. Determined bad/sick people can always find a way to endanger us.

-violate my constitutional rights

-An armed society is a polite society. In practical terms, an armed bad guy/gal is less likely, and then less likely to succeed, in bringing his/her weapon to harm others. Do not underestimate the deterrent effect of a bad person being less likely to act if he/she knows they have a solid chance of failure in their deviant mission and/or of being themselves killed by an armed good guy/gal.

- And last, these proposed rules do zero to prevent another Adam Lanza; that horrendous event may have inspired these proposals, but would do zero to prevent one.

Respectfully Standing by to help.
Bill Gardella

Your name: William Monaco
Your e-mail address: billmonaco2@gmail.com
Subject: NAA's Proposed Gun Laws
Message:

I am writing the Newtown Legislative Council to urge them to REJECT the new gun laws that the Newtown Action Alliance (NAA) is proposing for Newtown. The NAA proposal regulates safe and legal gun owners ONLY...The people that you do not have to worry about. Criminals do not care about following laws..You could pass a hundred new laws and it would not stop a criminal...it would only turn law abiding citizens into criminals.
Thank You for your consideration
Bill Monaco

Your name: Ted Carnevale
Your e-mail address: carnevalet@sbcglobal.net
Subject: "Newtown Action Alliance" demands to violate civil rights
Message:

Dear Members of the Council
It is shocking to read the unfounded allegations and dictatorial demands made by the "Newtown Action Alliance" against fellow citizens who were peacefully exercising their civil rights under the Constitutions of Connecticut and the United States of America. The photographs at NAA's web site show well-behaved individuals and groups, some carrying posters advocating their opinions, but all behaving in an orderly manner. The only visible guns are a few, very conventional sidearms securely lodged in their owners' holsters, consistent with Connecticut law. Notably absent are any signs of disorderly behavior, confrontational interactions, or anyone being subjected to "armed intimidation." NAA has exposed itself to be a clique of would-be tyrants, following the usual pattern of singling out groups that they target for demonization and denial of civil rights. Their demands must be rejected.
Ted Carnevale
Nov. 30, 2020

11/20/2020

Three firearms ordinances proposed by Newtown Action Alliance to the Town of Newtown
The events that occurred in Newtown are indelible and irrevocable. The pain and grief will never go away. I am a parent and although my children are middle aged, I still worry about their safety. In your position I would champion the cause of safety regardless of the benefit or outcome the argument being that doing something is better than doing nothing. In your heart I know that you feel that you are doing the right thing We fully realize that you are grieving.

The outcome of this initiative is creation and expansion of regulations. The points are well presented and argued but the effectiveness of the proposed ordinances would not in any rational way be demonstrable. This initiative creates an infraction where the wasn't one and It converts an otherwise law abiding into one who is not. I would encourage you to pursue more positive and constructive avenues to achieve safety.

Benjamin Franklin was quoted "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Regards
Chester Brand

Your name: Greg Davis
Your e-mail address: gh_davis@yahoo.com

Subject: Newtown Action Alliance (NAA) - Anti Constitution Firearm restrictions proposal
Message:

Dear Newtown Legislative Council,

I am deeply concerned by the NAA's firearms proposals being brought to you for consideration and the false narrative associated with the good citizens that lawfully carry. We are currently in an environment where peoples basic freedoms are being denied and anyone who has a diverse opinion is seemingly cancelled. Additionally, groups like the NAA have taken it upon themselves to cast lawful gun owners as evil, criminal or out to cause harm, when nothing can be further from the truth. Banning ones ability to exercise rights given to them in the US Constitution is a very dangerous path, as it leads to a eventual denial of other rights like free speech, freedom of movement and puts every right up for grabs, where the people to make the most noise will silence any opposing views. Opposing views are what makes our country great. Diversity of opinion, experiences and the freedoms associated with that. As for the right to protect oneself and others or the right to carry a weapon at a protest or town property, there should be no limit on where a person is allowed to exercise their constitutional rights. Ironically, a government property should be the exact place where individual rights are protected. It's not fair to say that the simple act of showing up to an anti 2nd amendment rights protest with a weapon on your person is an act of intimidation. In fact, people with a license to carry are the most law abiding and violence is never an option. I personally would not openly carry my gun, but I also do not believe in restricting the rights of others to do so. I very much disagree with the NAA and their narrative and slander of gun owners, but I will also protect their rights to voice their opinion. But their opinion should never result in their voices being stronger than others to the point that their rights are then taken as well. That is the exact opposite of what we stand for in America, as everyone should have their rights protected regardless of whether or not we agree. Instead of animosity being driven further by legislation, I am requesting that you deny the demands of the NAA to take away rights of law abiding citizens, and maybe encourage both groups to work together. I know that law abiding gun owners would give up their own life to protect anyone around them, and to try to tie them to a tragedy like Sandy Hook, where a deranged criminal did the unthinkable, is a very unfair assessment. If anything, dangerous criminals would not only ignore any laws, bu they'd be deterred from entering any location where they thought a good citizen might rise to protect the community.

Thank you,
Greg Davis

Your name: Stephen Yannantuono

Your e-mail address: syannant@gmail.com

Subject: Newtown Action Alliance (NAA) - Firearm restrictions
Message:

Hello Newtown Legislative Council,

It came to my attention that the NAA is proposing several firearm restrictions for the town to review. As a resident of Newtown I felt it important to voice my opinion on this matter. These policies are unnecessary and only make things more dangerous, firearms offer protection not only for the one carrying it but for others around them. Firearms can be good in the correct hands, and common sense only tells us that a criminal will not follow these policies because criminals don't follow rules. These policies will only affect good law abiding citizens and do nothing to make anyone safer. Furthermore it seems the proposal of these policies came about because members of the NAA feel intimidated by people exercising their rights to counter-protest and openly carry. These people are following the laws and

there is nothing wrong with what they are doing. If the NAA is allowed to exercise their freedoms then the opposition should be allowed to exercise their own. Taking other people's rights away just because it makes some people uncomfortable is not what this country is about. Both sides of the argument should be allowed to freely express themselves. Please vote no to these policies proposed by the NAA.

Stephen Yannantuono
1 Skytop Dr
Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Your name: Chris Philbrook
Your e-mail address: stang364@yahoo.com
Subject: Newtown gun bans

Message:

What exactly is the reason for banning law abiding gun owners from carrying their firearms in compliance with CT state law? Why are you targeting law abiding gun owners for protesting while armed? Has any one of them threatened anyone? Has any one of them drawn a weapon in public or pointed one at another citizen? Has any one of them broken any current law or behaved in an illegal manner? Has any one of them illegally discharged a firearm? Your proposed policies discriminate against lawful gun owners simply exercising their first and second amendment rights peaceably. Statistics show that lawful gun owners are the most responsible, law abiding citizens in American society. We are, for the most part, model citizens who jump through a lot of hoops and pay hefty fees to exercise our constitutional rights. We don't loot, we don't burn buildings and police cars, we don't attack police and other citizens, we don't topple statues, camp out on public property, and set fires without a permit, we don't block traffic or otherwise harass, intimidate or infringe on our fellow citizens. What exactly is your reasoning for your proposed policies? Please explain what will be accomplished.

Christopher Philbrook
Torrington, CT 06790

Your name: Victor Benson
Your e-mail address: stenguns@hotmail.com
Subject: Gun Ban Proposal

Message:

Dear Council members,

I urge you to vote NO on the proposed gun ban ordinances put forward by the Newtown Action Alliance. I have attended some of these rallies and found, in every instance, for them to be peaceful protest rallies. Lawful gun owners, as a whole, are peaceful and law abiding citizens and no threat to the public safety whether on or off town owned property.

Do not try to fix a problem that doesn't exist just to appease the "feel good" wants of the anti second amendment crowd.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Victor Benson
25 Old State Rd
New Milford, CT 06776

Your name: Russell Davis
Your e-mail address: buzz33@snet.net
Subject: 2nd amendment rights

Message:

Please let it be known that I am vehemently against the 3 items on your upcoming agenda listed below. I believe that taking gun rights away from legal law abiding citizens does not make your town safer, in fact I believe it makes your town vulnerable.

- 1.banning gun owners from openly carrying firearms in town.
- 2.banning guns on town property.
- 3.banning firearms at any public demonstrations.

Your name: Christopher J Moll

Your e-mail address: christopherjmoll@yahoo.com

Subject: Firearms bans proposed by NAA

Message:

Good morning,

I want to express my deep concern over the firearm ordinances being supported by NAA for Wednesday night's debate.

While banning firearms may seem, on the surface at least, a best practice to keep our towns safe, the overwhelming evidence in this country is to the contrary.

Newtown has suffered horribly, and as a father of a young child, and a combat Veteran who has literally put my life on the line to keep others safe, I know all too well that the most effective response to an armed attacker is an armed defender.

According to the FBI over 300,000 crimes are prevented annually by legally armed citizens. Legal gun owners are also far more likely to follow all laws than other Americans.

Whether you believe in owning a gun is a very personal and serious decision which comes with great responsibility. Legal gun owners understand this responsibility and, in the state of Connecticut, have bvn undergone training to ensure we are responsible and safe. To undermine our rights serves only to undermine the safety of Newtown, and the state of nation.

Criminals do not follow gun laws, and when another attack occurs, it is only armed citizens who are actually capable of preventing another atrocity.

Please feel free to contact me for any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Christopher Moll

845-536-4011

Your name: Robert Weaver

Your e-mail address: hoopmonk@snet.net

Subject: Potential Legislation

Message:

Dear members of the legislative Council.

I am 84 years old and have seen some things in this country recently that I could never have believed could happen. It is all financed by big tech and billionaires trying to get even richer and a political party that wants to control completely the population of the country.

In reference to the proposed legislation banning open carry: The only thing residents have to worry about are groups like the Black lives matter and other affiliated groups which if you have watched the news should be obvious to all.

It is my constitutional right to be armed and if I qualify to have open carry.

What happened in Newtown is tragic certainly, but the cause of that has nothing to do whatsoever with open carry or the 2nd amendment or the false claim of intimidation of the residents of Newtown. I can remember hearing about the tragedy on the news while driving in my car and my feeling at that time was one of outrage. The cause of the tragedy had to do with a parent not

using the proper judgment in reference to her mentally deficient child. I believe that the members of CCDL are an overwhelming good and peaceful organization. I believe what you are seeing with open carry is just to affirm their right to the 2nd amendment and the Constitution in general. I hold these truths to be self evident.
Respectfully
Robert Weaver

Your name: Jason Cook
Your e-mail address: nosajay@hotmail.com
Subject: Newtown Action Alliance
Message: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

My first concern is the reason behind these proposals. In all of the explanations of your proposals I do not see any basis for them. It comes across as an attempt to just further the restrictions on legal gun owners which is discriminatory.
Secondly, there is no State or Federal law that supports your proposals. The fact that you repeatedly keep using the word PREEMPTED is proof of that.
Thirdly, you state how the government can regulate the Time, Place, Manner of speech. Do you here that? Are you comfortable with that? Where will these constant attacks on OUR amendments lead us?
The concern for guns is a valid one, but lets restrict the bad people from them, not the upstanding people of the community that have a constitutional right.
I am a retired Police Officer of 30 years, if there was a group that has the most concern about this issue it would be us. Officers like myself carry always, if there were to be an issue we step up and protect the people, retired or not. Should we be restricted it the places we could have protected others? We uphold the 2nd amendment, and support the rights of the people we serve.
Please do not go down this path, it will only lead to the total banning of firearms for all. If you feel that is what you want, then I have no solutions for you. But remember that this country was founded on our written law of rights, and no one shall be able to take them from us.
bobnappe@aol.com

Your name: George A Chaber
Your e-mail address: gchaber@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Proposed regulations by NAA
Message: I am objecting to a proposal by the NAA to ban firearms from public property in Newtown. It is a second amendment right to own and carry w/ permit a firearm and in no way was anyone intimidated by such right and urge you reject this proposal before you.

To whom it may concern,
After reviewing the articles of the proposal put forth by the "Newtown action alliance" related to firearms restrictions, it is clear these proposals are aimed solely at removing the liberty of law abiding, free people. While we were, and remain horrified by, the wretched acts of a sick young man, I think it's important not to create hardships for citizenry wishing to exercise their god-given rights to self protection while in the borders of Newtown (or anywhere else for that matter)
Furthermore, a closer examination of the individual articles of the aforementioned proposal will show that such restrictions are contrary to the United States Constitution, specifically the 1st and 2nd amendments, where the right to peaceful assembly, and self protection are concerned. A free man or woman are guaranteed protection from such infringements under these articles.
Furthermore, there is long-settled law pertaining to our rights which would countermand any such proposals, should the "Newtown action alliance" get their day in court. Assuming, of course , the sitting judge acts constitutionally. Otherwise, any motions carried forth, would no doubt be overturned appropriately in higher court. Any level headed attorney should be able to see this on the surface, and council his clients appropriately.

That said, I do hope a much harder look is taken at these proposals before taking the time of many attorneys, town officials and courts. If so, it could save us all a lot of time better spent elsewhere.

Regards,
Lloyd Hull

Please stop with the attack on people's right to defend themselves against vicious criminals. These laws do absolutely nothing except bother good citizens
allegreenlee@yahoo.com

Your name: Brenda Majeski

Your e-mail address: bmajeski21@gmail.com

Subject: Three Anti-2nd Amendment Proposals

Message: I am disappointed by the three proposals that are being presented by the NAA and considered by the town of Newtown. I have had my concealed carry for many years and grew up respecting the right to "bear arms." I have gone through hundreds (if not thousands at this point of my life) of hours of gun training, cleaning, assembly, and safety which I believe is my responsibility for gun ownership - I am not an extreme radical, nor have I used my gun to intimidate. I have used it to protect myself as I was attacked as I was leaving my home almost twenty-five years ago. Once my attacker saw my gun, he ran away. I do not know what would have happened had I not had my weapon, although I fit the profile of three other women who were attacked in that area, and unfortunately they each suffered a worse fate than my few bruises. Note, I did not fire my gun to achieve the result. Our forefathers fostered a wisdom beyond their years and experience. They drew up a constitution for one nation under God. It has stood the test of time far beyond any other country's constitution in the world and has been the foundation for the success of United States and attractive to millions of people who want to come here every year. I do not believe that it is any coincidence that it's due to being the only constitution in the known 5000 year history of many that is under God. As a nation we are trying to undermine the constitution and God - and we do so by whittling away rights and responsibilities under the guise of some distorted narrative. What is attractive about the United States is what people seem bent on trying to change. Now, stating the obvious, I believe that these three proposals should be denied.

Your name: Laura Springer

Your e-mail address: lauraspringer@charter.net

Subject: 1st and 2nd Amendment Rights / proposed infringement of same

Message:

Dear Members of the Newtown Legislative Council,

I live in neighboring Southbury and have worked in Newtown for nearly 20 years. I have lived in the greater Danbury area since 1983. In that time it is fair to say that I have contributed to the town's economic well-being, frequently buying goods and services from local businesses.

Though I do understand the angle of those who would impede my ability to exercise certain Constitutional rights, I would ask that the Council weigh, in even measure, the lawfulness of such impediment.

For every argument of one's feeling of being unsafe at the sight of a firearm, worn by a community member who has undergone specific vetting in order to gain the "privilege" of doing so, there are equal numbers of those vetted gun owners who will not feel safe if stripped of their ability to defend themselves. Certainly, Newtown doesn't have a dramatic level of violent crime but one need only read the police blotter to realize that many local traffic accidents and violations involve non-residents.

To deny anyone's ability to lawfully carry a firearm, whether openly visible

or concealed, violates the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut and should not be considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Springer

lauraspringer@charter.net

203-465-2537

Newtown city council,

I am writing in opposition to the proposal by NAA to ban of currently legal carry firearms within Newtown. This is not a proposal that solely affects Newtown residents, but rather every legal gun owner through the state that may pass through the community.

First, and foremost it's in conflict with the Second Amendment on the federal level.

Second, it is in conflict with state laws which could unknowingly criminalize the well intentioned, legal gun owner that passes through the Newtown borders, also impeding free travel of gun owners to move throughout the state.

Third, history has shown the bad intentioned individuals do not follow the laws, so what the proposal would be doing is essentially adding more restrictions to prevent law abiding gun owners from carrying, and advertising to evil doers that they will be less likely to be met with resistance within Newtown. This, I believe could result in the opposite affect of what the NAA claims it is the goal (ie Safer community).

Where in our country has stricter gun laws resulted in lower violent crime? It has always had the opposite affect.

I strongly urge you to vote against the NAA proposal.

Bob Saunders

203-247-3792

Your name: John Howe

Your e-mail address: jhowe40@yahoo.com

Subject: Newtown Action Alliance Proposed Ordinances

Message: I'm a Newtown resident who is also a law abiding gun owner and licensed carry holder. Please do not add these ordinances to the town which will only effect law abiding citizens and criminals will not care about them anyways.

Your name: Rafael A. Vega

Your e-mail address: ravega001@me.com

Subject: Regarding the Newtown Action Alliance (NAA) and the proposal for multiple Firearm restrictions

Message:

Newtown Legislative Council;

I urge you to reject the Newtown Action Alliance (NAA)'s multiple Firearm restrictions proposals to the Newtown Legislative Council.

Don't take away the right of gun owners. We are the best law abiding citizens living in your town. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Rafael A. Vega

Your name: Chad Collesian

Your e-mail address: ccollesian@gmail.com

Subject: Banning Carrying Firearms in Newtown

Message: I am a long time gun owner and family man. I am vehemently against the Town of Newtown proposing such bans on my constitutional right to carry a firearm.

I never have and never will intimidate others, and this attempt to portray law-abiding gun owners as intimidators is a lie. The intimidation comes from the Thugs on the left like Antifa and BLM as we have all seen on TV. Please note if you do pass this ordinance I will join in any an all lawsuits to overturn them.

Thank you.

Your name: BOB KAROSY

Your e-mail address: karosy@aol.com

Subject: Do not ban our rights to bear arms and assemble

Message: I feel you have gone to far with your actions and want to penalize the American citizen.

Dear members,

It has come to my attention that you are looking to restrict the rights of gun owners in your town. If you know anything about responsible gun owners we are not the people who go around intimidating our fellow neighbors. Most of us keep to ourselves and do not let others know that we are carrying a firearm. It is our right to do so and we also do not use the privilege to intimidate others it is done to protect others.

I want you to think of all those who have been killed in a car accident by a drunk driver and the pain it caused the families. Now I want you to imagine a group of people meeting to restrict everyone's driving rights. Your rights are now restricted but you are a great driver, you follow the law and you are being punished by people who take the bus everyday. No you're right drive, where you can drive, how you can drive is all being determined by people who have never driven a car. I know it seems like to different things but it's not these people do not know what a responsible driver you are you've never been in an accident, never even got a ticket but your rights are being impinged. Maybe you are a person that would drive your car through a crowded street or plaza trying to run people over. I don't think you're that person but this group has predetermined that you might be so they are voting on your right to drive.

This is what you are doing to responsible gun owners so please think before you vote.

All the best,

Jim

James Coppola

When are people going to learn BAD CUYS don't obey ANY LAWS ahhh BAD GUYS if they did they would be GOOD GUYS then we wouldn't need any laws by the way if they defund the police who is going to enforce these laws ahhh a GOOD GUY WITH A GUN

BE REAL

bob clifford

Your name: Mickey LaCrosse

Your e-mail address: hottrod47@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Protecting the Second Amendment in CT

Message: Legislators,

As a citizen of a nearby town and the State of CT I would appeal to your adherence to our Constitution and the Second Amendment to the Bill of Rights that people of this Country be allowed to "keep and bear arms" as it is described in the 2A.

When good law abiding people have their rights restricted that only diminishes our rights under our Constitution. It does nothing to stop bad people from harming innocent people. Please don't let your fear of guns cause you to infringe on the Freedoms we must maintain.

Thank you,

M. LaCrosse, Shelton

Your name: Frank Cinque

Your e-mail address: frankcinque13@gmail.com

Subject: Firearm Proposals

Message:

Good morning, I'd like to express my concern regarding the proposed firearm restrictions. I feel they infringe on not only constitutional rights to be armed and to assemble but also on Connecticut's own gun laws. I can

understand how a person opposed to firearms can be intimidated by one. Rest assured that your average law-abiding citizen with a permit to carry has gone through multiple stages of background checks and safety classes to obtain that permit. That person also realizes that the right to carry can be removed if they were to break the law or even seem to break the law. I use the example of road rage in my defensive driving classes. Don't argue with someone on the road. Let them go on their way and avoid confrontation so they can't say you started something and you lose your rights. I plenty people who carry that say they are more relaxed because they don't want confrontation. Also, and I'd say more importantly, your average armed citizen would also be the first to protect anyone that was threatened. You see it's not only to protect oneself. The average person who carries usually feels a higher level of responsibility to protect anyone. That person also prays everyday not to have to but in this world today, we know all too well that those chances are increasing. I encourage you to not act on fear but to think of the multitude of people, responsible people, who have abided by the law to become legal, permit-carrying gun owners that live, work, or may do business in your town. I'd challenge any of you to go up to someone you saw carrying and talk to them. I think you'd find that they are normal, level-headed people like yourselves.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me for further discussion.

Frank Cinque

Your name: Richard M Marra

Your e-mail address: marra.r@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Purposed firearms bans

Message: I urge you to decide against any of the purposed bans. While I do not live in Newtown I think it is a wonderful place to shop, and I stop for lunch there often and go to dinner there with my family on occasion. If this unconstitutional ban is allowed to pass I will not be doing any business in town again. Thank you

Your name: Charles D. Smith

Your e-mail address: c.l.smith5716@sbcglobal.net

Subject: The Second Amendment

Message: Hello- I'm a lawful gun owner and carry permit holder, and obviously a Second Amendment supporter. Under our Constitution, law abiding gun owners with proper credentials should never be restricted in the manner that your town proposals would place upon them. I would hope by researching The Constitution, the town council would come to the conclusion those restrictions against lawful firearms owners is a direct violation of that Constitution. And furthermore, there are already dozens of current gun laws on the books that can be used against a law breaking person whether or not they are legal or illegal and breaking the law in their activities on town properties. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Please stop putting legal gun owners at risk of losing their Constitutional right to bear arms, and put your efforts towards illegal guns and the people using them, that's where the problem is its right in front of your eyes and are blind to see that, legal owners are NOT the people breaking laws and in many cases are the ones helping stop the bad guys! Wake up Newtown your actually helping the bad guys and putting a target on your own town! Hasent your town had enough Tragedy, bad guys love hearing about certain towns doing just what your doing, commen sence ask yourself, would a bad guy break into a house with a person that was armed protecting there loved ones or would they go to the house that has had there firearms taken away, its not rocket science, Please stop this ridiculous harassment on gun owners,

Thank you

hddreamer

Your name: Tim Sakayev

Your e-mail address: tim@sakayev.net

Subject: NAA's demand to ban open carry

Message:

Dear members of Newtown Legislative Council,

I would like to convey my strong disagreement with the opinion expressed by Newtown Action Alliance - it's based on a number of multiple false assumptions and misrepresentations:

- false assumption: firearm owners are either criminals/have criminal intent

or radicals. In reality, law-abiding gun owners are, by definition, law-abiding, and are normal people who simply disagree with the misguided logic of NAA and similar organizations.

- false assumption: banning guns will somehow prevent crime - it only takes away tools of self-defense from law-abiding citizens - by definition, criminals do not care about the law

- false statement: "guns are being used to intimidate the Newtown community members who have been impacted..." - this is the quintessential "play on words" statement used by NAA and similar organizations to completely distort the facts and appeal to emotion (a logical fallacy). Let's break it down:

- did anybody actively intimidate anyone? Was police called? Any incidents - not claims, but actually documented incidents? NAA's website shows a roll of photos of peaceful, smiling people who don't look very intimidating to me. So, it sounds like nobody ACTIVELY threatened or intimidated anyone.

- if a lawful (i.e. they are not being threatened with it) presence of a firearm intimidates someone, then perhaps that someone should deal with their phobia and/or ignorance personally or in a group setting and not advocate banning firearms. Following NAA's opinion, would be like banning all dogs from town because someone has a case of cynophobia or believes that every dog owner is out to get them. - citizens are/were exercising their right to protest the political maneuvers by NAA and similar organizations. I'd ask that members of Newtown Legislative Council go through a quick thought exercise - if the tragedy of Sandy Hook Elementary School wasn't being used by NAA to advocate for taking away the rights of citizens, would there even be CCDL rallies?

- finally, if something legal does not agree with someone, well, that's unfortunate, but luckily we live in a democracy - just because somebody's sign/symbol/language does not agree with me or, using modern day lingo "offends" me, does not give me the right to demand making this sign/symbol/language illegal.

Thank you,

Tim Sakayev

Your name: David nault

Your e-mail address: 120dn122@gmail.com

Subject: Anti-gun campaign of the Newtown Action Alliance

Message: The NAA has had an anti-gun campaign running for years and their concerns about the 2a community are baseless and ridiculous. To purchase and own firearms, you MUST be of strong moral character and have a clean background.

People who carry firearms concealed with a CT state permit have been through a few background checks and each firearm purchase your background is checked again. For those who are bold enough to exercise their second amendment rights with open-carry, you can be assured and reassured they have clean backgrounds because the added attention that legal open-carry brings.

It is important that people be educated about the importance of the second

amendment rather than stifled with ridiculous laws that don't keep anyone safer. Just because you don't agree with something doesn't mean the rules have to change to make you feel better about it.

Your name: Raymond Carrier

Your e-mail address: rld2@sbcbglobal.net

Subject: NAA Proposals

Message: Thank You for offering me the opportunity to voice my opinion. I am opposed to the three firearms bans proposed by the Newtown action alliance. Connecticut already has the severest gun regulations nationwide. Further regulation is unduly excessive and punitive to LAW ABIDING citizens only. You know very well that it does not affect criminals or criminal intent. It is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, period. NAA's claim of intimidation is unproven.

Your name: Charles Wild

Your e-mail address: cwecom@icloud.com

Subject: Firearms and our rights

Message: Please do not pass the actions to ban the lawful carrying of legally registered firearms in public and on town property. Punishing the law abiding citizens is not the way to make the community safer. Please don't let politics and the loud voices of a few people that will never be satisfied strip Americans of their rights. Thank you.

Your name: GERARD F. GAUDIN

Your e-mail address: GERARD16@JUNO.COM

Subject: WEAPONRY

Message: RID THE STREETS OF ANY AND ALL WEAPONS OF WAR; AND, IMPRISON THE LYING, INCOMPETENT, CRIMINAL, ORANGE SHITGIBBON; HIS MINIONS; AND HIS ASSWIPE, McCONNELL, NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Your name: Helen Earnshaw

Your e-mail address: helenantonia@yahoo.com

Subject: Guns at protests

Message: Please help peaceful protesters feel safe, not threatened, while exercising our constitutional rights by banning carrying guns to protests. Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Your name: JAMES D SHUGRUE

Your e-mail address: J.SHUGRUE@HOTMAIL.COM

Subject: BAN ARMED INTIMIDATION IN NEWTOWN

Message: I BEG YOU TO PASS THE ORDINANCES BEING BROUGHT BEFORE YOU TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY OF NEWTOWN SAFER FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

Your name: Leah Foster

Your e-mail address: leahsagefoster@gmail.com

Subject: Keep us safe

Message:

Hello, I am writing in support of in support of:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying firearms in town
2. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying firearms on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches and vigils honoring those lost to gun violence, suicide by gun, and gun accidents.

Hello, I am not a Newtown resident, but frequently visit Newtown for business and pleasure. I have heard that there may be some ordinances proposed in order to limit otherwise legal carrying of firearms within Newtown. I am vehemently opposed to any laws, regulations, or ordinances that serve to limit our constitutional right to own, carry, and use firearms. The overwhelming majority of us firearm owners are safe, sane, and NOT part of the gun violence problem. More regulation only serves to make it harder for citizens to protect themselves, and will have NO EFFECT on those wishing to do harm since they are already acting illegally and laws clearly have no effect on them. I am not insensitive to the losses that gun violence has caused as I personally was friends with Vicki Soto who lost her life in Sandy Hook, and further, my own life was threatened in an incident recently, and if I was not carrying a gun the outcome could have been very different. To that end, I RESPECTFULLY DEMAND that you DO NOT propose or vote in favor of ANY rule, ordinance, or legislation that would serve to restrict or abolish the rights of legal gun owners/users. I also encourage you to suggest to friends, family, and colleagues that they do the same.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Baugh
203-556-7460

Your name: Anil

Your e-mail address: anil.sikri@gmail.com

Subject: Gun control actions in Newtown

Message:

Requesting your support for:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

Your name: Patty Ridenour

Your e-mail address: wormster@woh.rr.com

Subject: Open Carrying of Loaded Weapons in Newtown

Message: Because Newtown's history is so tragically connected to the brutal loss of the lives of the town's young elementary school students, along with some of their teachers, how is it possible that the Newtown Legislative Council would allow gun owners to continue to openly carry loaded weapons inside the limits of Newtown? It is difficult to believe that any truly functioning adult citizen could possibly consider that to be a 'good thing' for Newtown to be known to support or proud of. This is too sad and thoughtless for words. There is nothing you intend to do about this situation? Good grief

Your name: Charles Baugh

Your e-mail address: Leadfoot64@aol.com

Subject: OPPOSE any bans on firearms

Message:

Hello, I am not a Newtown resident, but frequently visit Newtown for business and pleasure. I have heard that there may be some ordinances proposed in order to limit otherwise legal carrying of firearms within Newtown. I am vehemently opposed to any laws, regulations, or ordinances that serve to limit our constitutional right to own, carry, and use firearms. The overwhelming majority of us firearm owners are safe, sane, and NOT part of the gun violence problem. More regulation only serves to make it harder for citizens to protect themselves, and will have NO EFFECT on those wishing to do harm since they are already acting illegally. I am not insensitive to the losses that gun violence has caused as I personally was friends with Vicki Soto who lost her life in Sandy Hook, and further, my own life was threatened in an incident recently, and if I was not carrying a gun the outcome could have been very different. To that end, I RESPECTFULLY DEMAND that you DO NOT

propose or vote in favor of ANY rule, ordinance, or legislation that would serve to restrict or abolish the rights of legal gun owners/users. I also encourage you to suggest to friends, family, and colleagues that they do the same.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Baugh
203-556-7460

Your name: John S. Sonin
Your e-mail address: sojohn61@hotmail.com
Subject: Save Constituent Lives - Syop Proliferating Firearms!
Message: see subject

Your name: Jennifer Gore
Your e-mail address: jenagore@yahoo.com
Subject: Restricting intimidation using firearms
Message:

Dear Council members:

Please do your utmost to:

1. prohibit gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibit gun owners from openly carrying their firearm on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibit intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

These actions are regularly carried out by people who do not believe that the horrific gun crime perpetrated against educators and innocent children at a school in your town actually occurred.

Best regards,

jg

Your name: Debra Sennefelder
Your e-mail address: Debrasennefelder@gmail.com
Subject: Newtown Action Alliance (NAA) is proposal for multiple Firearm restrictions
Message: I urge you to reject the proposed bans put forth by the NAA. Their proposals are an infringement of the 2nd Amendment. And on my right to protect myself. Last fall I took my puppy to Fairfield Hills in mid-morning for a training session. We were walking along the shaded path, which was empty, when a man who appeared to be under the influence of a substance approached us. Up until that moment I'd always felt safe walking alone in Newtown. Thankfully, I knew I had the ability to protect myself. And luckily, the man fell over as he attempted to pet my puppy. We were able to leave. Please do not let the emotions of a few strip away the rights of many. Thank you.

Your name: Brian Clements
Your e-mail address: bri.clements@gmail.com
Subject: Support for Additional Gun Safety Legislation
Message:

As a former Newtown resident (2004-2018) and the spouse of a current Newtown teacher, I encourage the Legislative Council to approve tighter restrictions on open carry, especially on town-owned property and at public events of any kind, including but not limited to vigils, demonstrations, protests, rallies, and/or marches. The Legislative Council has the power to make Newtown safer and to lend peace of mind to its residents; I hope it will do so.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Clements
Danbury, CT

Your name: Judith Sandeen

Your e-mail address: jsandeen@windstream.net

Subject: firearms intimidation

Message: Please do the right thing and pass legislation to stop the attempts at firearms intimidation. Of all places for armed people to show up, Newtown should be the last.

Your name: Christina Paradis

Your e-mail address: christina.paradis@gmail.com

Subject: new ordinance support

Message:

I am writing in full support of the following proposed ordinances

Banning Open Carry

Banning firearms on town property

Banning firearms during demonstrations, vigils, rallies

Your name: Nancy Maxwell

Your e-mail address: ncmmax@comcast.net

Subject: laws against guns

Message:

I have signed the petition re the below listed requests, but I wanted to send an email as well. Please do the sensible and compassionate thing by:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

Your name: Nicholas W Payne

Your e-mail address: nwpayne44@gmail.com

Subject: Gun ordinance

Message: I stand with Po, intimidation with guns puts a stranglehold on democracy.

Your name: Jason Levy

Your e-mail address: chefjlevy87@att.net

Subject: Firearm ordinance

Message:

Hello,

I am writing today to OPPOSE the ordinance against carrying firearms on public property. I a law abiding citizen who has a clean record. Hardly a parking ticket in the last decade. Why would I be limited to use my constitutional rights on the people's property? "Common sense" does not include punishing good people who commit no crime. I spend a good amount of time and money in town, as it is a favorite day trip for my family and my self. These regular trips and the dollars we spend in town will be under serious reconsideration if you move forward with limiting my ability to keep my family safe.

Thank you,
Jason Levy

Your name: Joanne Hesselink

Your e-mail address: sewwhat1@centurytel.net

Subject: Ban open carry

Message:

There is no reason for any one to be carrying a gun in Newtown. It just makes people feel uncomfortable and even fearful after what your school went through 8 years ago.

I live in Wisconsin where hunting is very prominent. Seeing a gun out in a field is fine, but seeing a gun in a store, park or city is just so out of place. Please ban open carry anywhere in Newtown.

Your name: Carla Anne Tischio

Your e-mail address: ctischio@live.com

Subject: armed intimidation

Message:

Dear legislative Council Members,

Thank you for your service to our town. Please consider and pass ordinances that support the following:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

Sincerely,

Carla Tischio

Your name: Laura V Glover

Your e-mail address: rockdoc_1@hotmail.com

Subject: Local ordinances regarding maintaining gun safety

Message: You all have the opportunity to set an example for individual towns and villages to pass common sense gun safety laws. These individual towns will then set the example for state and federal governing bodies to create and enforce common sense gun laws.

Your name: Peter Nelson

Your e-mail address: petermnelson@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Guns

Message: I implore you to Ban Open Carry in Newtown, Ban Guns on Town-Owned Property, and Ban Guns at Public Protests/Demonstrations/Rallies/Marches/Vigils

Your name: Kenneth Kirsch

Your e-mail address: kirsch_kenneth66@yahoo.com

Subject: Ban Open Carry

Message: The children of Newtown need this. Do the right thing. God is watching

Your name: Monica L Stuhlreyer

Your e-mail address: mstuhlreyer@ihmsisters.org

Subject: gun control

Message: Know that there are many others behind your effort to legally prohibit certain kinds of guns, assault type weapons from being sold to lay people, (not military).

Your name: Gail Mahoney Warek

Your e-mail address: gwarek@aol.com

Subject: Proposals to Ban Guns

Message:

Please Ban Open Carry in Newtown, Ban Guns on Town-Owned Property, and Ban Guns at Public Protests/Demonstrations/Rallies/Marches/Vigils

Thank you!

Gail Warek

Your name: Tom Campbell

Your e-mail address: tcampbell832@gmail.com

Subject: town ordinances on "open Carry"

Message:

Please keep in mind the safety and welfare of your fellow townspeople when you consider the following proposals for new ordinance:

1. restricting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

I look forward to your favorable decisions.

Your name: Nancy L. Kalanta

Your e-mail address: nancy.kalanta@gmail.com

Subject: Gun Safety

Message:

The pain of losing a child is unbearable. The pain of losing a child to gun violence is unimaginable. The pain of seeing insensitive members of 2A groups marching in defiance of common sense gun laws is untenable.

The people of this country have spoken time and time again that we want common sense gun laws. Nobody wants to confiscate anyone's guns - we just want those who want guns to be fully vetted.

My father, a Marine, taught me how to safely shoot a gun through an NRA program. When the NRA became a lobbying group only interested in further political interests and putting gun ownership over the safety of citizens, he turned in his membership. He said to me that the NRA was not the organization that promoted safe and responsible gun ownership anymore. He was disgusted by what they had become.

The March For Our Lives even in Washington DC eclipsed all other marches and sends a loud and clear message that enough is enough. We hear about mass shootings, school shootings, and children shooting other children because their parents are irresponsible.

Give the parents of the Newtown victims some peace. It is time to:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting open carry on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

To the Newtown Legislative Council:

My name is David Rouleau and I am a Newtown resident. I am writing you today to voice my concerns about a proposal put forward by the Newtown Action Alliance. I will go over each of the proposals and my concerns for each.

The first proposal is "A prohibition against carrying firearm on town property". This is essentially creating more "gun free" zones which will in turn leave citizens with little to no means to defend themselves. Not only will people be left helpless against people with ill intent, but that also leaves people susceptible to attack by wild animals such as coyotes, bear, and other potentially aggressive wildlife that are present in our town. We know all too well that making a law banning firearms from a particular area and posting signs will do nothing to prevent people that have ill intent from bringing a firearm onto said property. In fact it is more likely to draw people with bad intentions to that area, because they know nobody present will have a means to stop them for at least several minutes until the police arrive. In that, time much harm can be done. How will this effect permit holders while driving or walking around town, including their own neighborhoods? Aren't all the public roads town property?

Their second proposal is "A prohibition against carrying firearms during public demonstrations". The NAA is claiming their first amendment is being restricted and is implying that the act of merely carrying a firearm during demonstrations is "threatening" them. If someone is "brandishing" a firearm or making direct threats towards an individual, then that individual should be dealt with individually by the police. The rights of the whole group can not be withheld due to one or several individuals. If a person does not find a police officer threatening because they are simply carrying a firearm, why should it be any different for civilian lawfully carrying a firearm? Every permit holder has gone through in depth background checks before being issued a permit. These checks are also done every time a permit holder renews their permit. We are not reckless criminals who have no regard for others or the laws. Is the NAA implying that it is okay to create an ordinance that will infringe on someones second amendment rights, while they are free exercise their first amendment rights? We can't pick and choose which constitutional rights we want to allow, and what rights we want to restrict.

The third and final proposal I am aware of is "A prohibition against open carry of firearms". Due to how it is written, it sounds like this would cover the entire town. Town property and private. This would imply that a lawful permit holder would not be allowed to let their firearm be visible ANY time they are carrying. If I was to carry while on my own property I should not have to worry if my firearm is exposed or not. If I choose to carry a firearm while working around my property, it is often difficult to hide a firearm. While lifting and bending and doing work it is not always practical to carry concealed. Even if attempting to carry concealed, clothes often shift exposing a persons firearm. A person should not be punished simply for exercising their rights. Also, if this were to be allowed even a person who is carrying concealed could have problem with an ordinance of this type. As I mentioned previously a person carrying concealed can often expose their firearm unintentionally. If under a coat or shirt their clothing can easily be moved during normal movements or even sometimes be visible through the fabric. In situations like that a person could interpret that as "open carrying" because their firearm might inadvertently be visible.

If any of these proposals were to become town ordinances it will add yet another unreasonable restriction to every individual who LAWFULLY chooses to exercise their right to own and carry a firearm. Lawful permit holders already are forced to navigate a labyrinth of laws and restrictions throughout the state as well as the entire country. With so many different laws in place from one town to the next a person can violate a towns ordinance unintentionally simply by crossing a town line. The fact that some people may feel intimidated at the sight of a firearm, does not legitimize creating ordinances that would turn law abiding citizens who choose to have a means to defend themselves and their families into criminals.

Please do not allow any of these unconstitutional proposals to become town ordinances or even state laws. Disarming law abiding permit holders would only embolden criminals making our community less safe. Please do not allow us to become a community of defenseless victims.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will keep the rights of the public in mind when making this decision.

David Rouleau

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Your name: Sharon Baker

Your e-mail address: skb38goshen@gmail.com

Subject: safety for all

Message:

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God....

Arming more people only results in more deaths. The 2nd amendment does NOT speak about every person having his/her own personal army of weapons.

Your name: Darrell House

Your e-mail address: redwood9@hush.com

Subject: end gun violence

Message: Ban open carry laws in Newton, Open carry is only a way to intimidate others.

Your name: Todd Smith

Your e-mail address: todd.smith@dreamworks.com

Subject: Strengthen Gun Ordinances

Message:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Council adopting the following measures:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

Please don't let yourselves be intimidated by the gun lobby. Please do the right thing for our children. Thank you.

Your name: Lisa Stone

Your e-mail address: lestone@aya.yale.edu

Subject: local gun safety is in your hands

Message:

You have the opportunity to be heroes to so many, and to set an example of wisdom and courage for so many.

Please take action now by

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

While we have to wait for the federal and state governments to strengthen our gun laws, we can and must do more on the local level to protect our children, families, and our communities.

Your name: Ronald Silver

Your e-mail address: rhinopias@comcast.net

Subject: Let's Have a Rational Gun Carry Policy

Message:

I support:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

To: Newtown Legislative Council

Subject: Three proposed gun bans from the NAA

After living here in Newtown for almost 30 years, and experiencing the most heinous act of violence thrust upon our friends, neighbors, and family, it is time to move forward, and STOP instigating the LAW ABIDING gun people - neighbors, friends and family! **WE did not commit the crime.**

We have in CT., one of the nations most strict concealed State Handgun Carry Laws, ammunition and long arm purchasing laws already in place, which were crafted to be more challenging since the horrible event in Town Dec 14, 2012. The citizens of CT (more than 280,000 - almost 10% of our CT population) who chose to go through the rigorous classes, and complete background checks in order to secure a coveted CT State Concealed Carry Permit, do not deserve to be treated like second class citizens. We are vetted, and responsible. Crimes with firearms by

concealed carry persons is virtually non-existent nationally, and non-existent in Newtown - this is a fact verified by the FBI - To find the actual statistics nationally visit the FBI site.

This NAA organization, is really just another group- albeit small, with a self righteous agenda that DOES NOT fall in line with the vast majority of Newtown residents, CT residents or US residents -although they do believe they speak for all of us - they don't. They only want their rights, and feelings observed. All others especially those who want their right to protect themselves goes unheard - chastised, laughed at, cursed at and so many other negative connotations. - this unfortunately is the direction this country and CT has been moving. *We have become so split, divisive, and more nasty with each other as a result of personal agendas that opinions cannot be shared.*

Emotions cannot, and should not be any reason to set up an ordinance, that effects others with rights and different viewpoints. We all know an ordinance is really a backdoor way to swing around a law that some feel they just do not agree with - case in point this ordinance request.

The NAA is calling on the NLC to "protect the Newtown Citizens". WE DO NOT NEED PROTECTIONS IN THIS MANOR, and I speak for thousands of Newtown citizens.

Here are a few supportive FACTS as to why, there is absolutely NO reason to consider any of these three bans being brought to the table for the citizens and taxpayers of Newtown

1- Newtown, CT Crime Analytics [www..neighborhoodscout.com/ct/newtown/crime](http://www.neighborhoodscout.com/ct/newtown/crime)

a- Number of 128 total - violent 6 (type not specified)

b- Crime rate per 1,000 residents .22

Newtown is overall .22 the State of CT is 2.07

2- Crimes per Sq mile - 2 vs 19 for the State.

1- Newtown - CityRating.com www.cityrating.com/crime-statistics/connecticut/newtown.html

a- Newtown crime statistics is reporting an overall DOWNWARD trend in crime based on data from 17 years with violent crime...Based upon this trend the crime rate for 2020 is expected to be lower than 2016.

b. In 2016 violent crime in Newtown was lower than the violent crime rate in all CT. by 95.3%

c- In 2020 aggravated assault -4 projected, murder and manslaughter 0, violent crime 8 (no specification on what the crimes were)

Newtown CT is a very very safe community even with the periodic protest - one of the safest in CT, and the entire US.

Summary - There is absolutely no need, no requirement, or reason to infringe further on the rights of SAFE LAW ABIDING NEWTOWN Citizens (neighbors, friends, and family) who are among the safest people in our community, and the State. This opinion / emotion driven attempt to restrict good people is a further attempt to divide us, and perpetuate the divisive atmosphere we live with. It needs to stop!

There are NO FACTS to support any kind of legislative action necessary by the Newtown Legislative Council requiring a vote so as to pass these proposed bans to the Newtown Ordinance Committee. Furthermore, such an emotional topic effecting all of the people of Newtown, (20,000 plus) should only be held in an in person traditional town hall meeting, where all parties can be seen and heard in proper protocol - not on an obscure hide behind the mask teleconference.

Please remember, like so many here in Newtown, I pay high taxes, and absolutely deserve the same equal rights even though my beliefs may be different than others. **Legally permitted residents are allowed by the laws set forth in the State of CT, to carry firearms both open and concealed. This is the law.**

I am a law abiding Newtown resident, like thousands of others in Town, with a concealed carry permit.

Respectfully,

Neal Berko / Joanne Berko

44 Great Ring Rd.

Sandy Hook, CT. 06482

Your name: Jason Zetoff

Your e-mail address: jszetoff@gmail.com

Subject: Firearm ordinances

Message:

I am writing to support legislation that would

ban Open Carry,

ban firearms on town property, and

ban firearms during demonstrations, vigils, and rallies.

Presently, it is legal in Newtown to Open Carry, and to carry a firearm on town property such as Fairfield Hills and Edmond Town Hall. This needs to

change. Similar ordinances to what have been proposed have been passed by other Connecticut towns. In the wake of the horrific trauma experienced in our community, there is no reason why Newtown shouldn't pass this commonsense ordinance.

As a Newtown resident it is unconscionable that I would have to live in fear of someone carrying a loaded gun on town property. There is no way that I can even know whether that gun carrier is a licensed owner. So without this ordinance, I would have to live in fear of any person carrying a gun. Our town can do better for the comfort and safety of our residents.

Please pass these ordinances for the benefit of our community.

Jason Zetoff
16 Lakeview Terrace
Sandy Hook

Your name: William Lee

Your e-mail address: chessleeds@yahoo.com

Subject: Proposed Firearms Ordinances

Message:

Good morning all,

My name is William Lee. I am a gun owner, Infantry veteran, and I have worked in Newtown for the past 5 years. I strongly urge you to not pass further restrictions on our right to carry firearms. We have followed Connecticut's process to obtain our permits, been fingerprinted, background checked, and to be honest it's not a quick or easy process. Concealed carry holders are one of the most peaceful, law abiding groups

(<https://ncsportsmenslaw.com/2020/01/on-average-concealed-carry-permit-holders-are-much-more-law-abiding-than-government-police/>

Further sources in article) and per the CDC's own research, there are a minimum of 60,000 Defensive Gun Uses per year in the US

(<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/firearms/fastfact.html#:~:text=Estimates%20of%20defensive%20gun%20use,defensive%20gun%20uses%20each%20year.>)

Further restrictions will simply be a burden on us with little to no effect on crime, it will only stymie or ability to defend ourselves

-William Lee

Your name: Susan Kassirer

Your e-mail address: suejkassirer@gmail.com

Subject: Consideration of Three Proposed Firearms Ordinances for Referral to Ordinance Committee

Message:

Dear Legislative Council Members:

As a resident of Newtown, I find it incomprehensible that Newtown still has not passed common sense gun legislation eight years after 26 people, including 20 children between six and seven years old, and six adult staff members were murdered here at Sandy Hook Elementary School through the use of deadly firearms. The incident remains the deadliest mass shooting at either a primary or secondary school in U.S. history, the second-deadliest U.S. school shooting overall, and the fourth-deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

When will our town wake up and do the right thing?

It's well past time for Newtown to pass legislation to Ban Open Carry of Firearms, Ban Firearms on Town Property, and Ban Firearms During Demonstrations, Vigils, and Rallies.

Respectfully yours,

Susan Kassirer
6 Still Hill Road
Sandy Hook

Your name: Tod Osier, Newtown, CT.

Your e-mail address: todosier@gmail.com

Subject: Three Proposed Firearms Ordinances for Referral to Ordinance Committee

Message:

Dear Members of the Legislative Council,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the proposal put forward by the Newtown Action Alliance (NAA) to enact ordinances to restrict lawful exercise of our second amendment rights in town.

First, the blanket restriction on carrying firearms on the diverse and abundant collection of town properties would put an unreasonable burden and restriction on law abiding citizens that choose to exercise our legal second amendment rights as we move about town on our day-to-day business.

Second, the argument that there would be prohibition against carrying firearms during public demonstrations is incongruous to me. To exercise your first amendment rights of peaceable assembly and free speech, requires your second amendment rights to be curtailed? Public assembly and expression are constitutionally protected as is the right to bear arms. The members of the NAA clearly do not appreciate that there is the right to bear arms. Although I do not agree with the goals of their protests, I deeply respect their right to protest and I'd like my rights to both assemble and to bear arms respected as well.

Finally, I also oppose the proposal to ban open carry of long guns. State law clearly preempts the restriction that the NAA apparently would like to see in place, which is a restriction on the right to carry a handgun openly.

Instead, they have proposed a restriction on open carry of long guns. Open carry of long guns is not occurring, otherwise the NAA would have pictures on their website along with the pictures of friendly looking law-abiding citizens legally carrying handguns openly.

I'm sympathetic to those who feel unsettled by the presence of firearms, but I also could not feel more strongly that those who choose to exercise their rights should be able to. On their website, the NAA assert that "Guns are being used to intimidate the Newtown community members". Were guns being used to intimidate citizens, the criminals doing that would have been arrested using the laws already on the books that protect all citizens from intimidation. The mere presence of a gun in the possession of a citizen is not intimidation.

I thank you for your time and ask the Legislative Council not to act on these proposals.

Sincerely,

Tod Osier

122 Sugar Street

Newtown, CT

Your name: Michael Larkin

Your e-mail address: michael.larkin@protonmail.com

Subject: NAA Firearm proposals

Message:

Good day,

I am a law abiding CCP holder in CT and a solid citizen of our state. I am increasingly alarmed at the rising vitriol against the firearms industry and in turn those of us who lawfully enjoy the right to keep and bear arms. By adding restrictions like those proposed for tonight's hearings, you actually make folks less safe. I am your best friend if a deranged person commits violence in or on town property with a gun or knife or hatchets or any other inanimate object that can cause harm to people. By creating "gun free" zones, I would argue this actually creates safe zones for those with bad intent.

Criminals and mentally ill do not adhere to such restrictions. Please consider this view when debating the topics. Thank you

Your name: Carole Hart
Your e-mail address: hartantiques@gmail.com
Subject: Gun ordinance
Message: I am in support of the new gun ordinances proposed.

Your name: richard s eigen
Your e-mail address: reigen2316@gmail.com
Subject: Guns
Message: Read Sen Chris Murphy's book. Anything you can do to lessen the prevalence of guns in our life will help save lives. Controlling 2ndary sales is the most important. But the open carry and not bringing them to rallies and demonstrations will help.

Your name: James Ruggiri
Your e-mail address: j.ruggiri@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Gun restrictions
Message:
Newtown Council, concerning your latest proposal to ban firearms on town property and at public gatherings, I strongly disagree. Banning law abiding citizens from carrying firearms not only infringes on their right to self defense, it also creates a gun free zone that could be dangerous for everyone there. As a responsible, law abiding gun owner, I do disagree with individuals gathering and openly carrying firearms in "support" of their 2nd amendment rights. I believe it sends the wrong signal and hurts more than it helps but we all know there's nothing illegal about it. Banning firearms because of it is a knee jerk reaction that won't help, at all, with the real issue which is keeping firearms out of the hands of dangerous criminals or the mentally unfit. In my opinion, our state has done a good job of implementing the background checks on all gun transfers and I believe it should be done nationally. Laws like these help to keep guns where they belong. Work to see the difference between laws that actually help and those that don't and your time will be well spent. Respectfully, Jim Ruggiri, Oxford CT

Although not a resident of Newtown, I strongly disagree with the proposed ban. No town has the right to weaken, in any way, the Second Amendment rights of ANY citizen,
Respectfully,

Alicia Bernhardt
649A Heritage Village
Southbury, Ct 06488

Your name: Bindu Subramanian
Your e-mail address: subramanian.bindu@gmail.com
Subject: Support of Proposed Gun Ordinance
Message:
Hello!
I express my support of the proposed gun ordinances.

Your name: Lynn Hungaski
Your e-mail address: lynnhungaski@cs.com
Subject: Proposed gun ordinances

Message: Please pass the proposed gun ordinances! We are Newtown; if not here, then where?

Your name: Henry R DiJulio III

Your e-mail address: Deminosrainstructor@gmail.com

Subject: Proposed anti 2nd amendment proposals.

Message:

To whom this may concern.

My name is Henry (Hank) DiJulio. My Dad was a police officer for 33 years and as many 2nd amendment supporters I was raised to respect firearms and taught safety first as well as how to handle all kinds of firearms safely and correctly. I am now a certified NRA Instructor and have taught many students that reside in your locale. Statistically speaking "GUN FREE ZONES" have only successfully removed law abiding citizens from within the immediate area. Criminals, as we are all too aware, don't care about said proposals/laws/restrictions and will continue to do as they please, knowing in a "GUN FREE ZONE" they will face no resistance. Resistance such as that which was provided by both Stephen Willeford and Jack Wilson (Google their names if you're unfamiliar with who they are). Like Stephen, Jack, My Father (Henry Jr.), his Father (Henry Sr./Poppy) and my own son (Henry IV) I am the NRA. I am also a member of CCDL; as is my son, many friends and students. We are a peaceful group that is non aggressive and do not seek trouble. But rest assured as quick as Stephen and Jack were prepared to help strangers, friends and their community, we would be the first peaceful group you all would be happy to have around should trouble arise.

Both the US and CT. Constitutions protect our second amendment rights the same as every other right. Please consider not supporting these proposals and allow law abiding citizens the right to not only protect themselves from criminals, but also the likes of everyone that enters the sanctity of your beautiful town.

Respectfully yours,

Hank DiJulio

Your name: Babel Barm

Your e-mail address: cutee_fruitee@yahoo.com

Subject: Ban Open Carry

Message: I support the aforementioned 3 policies to ban open carry.

Your name: Victoria

Your e-mail address: victoriakoenitzer@yahoo.com

Subject: Open Carry and Firearm Intimidation

Message:

As someone who lost two friends to gun violence, I support:

- (1) prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
- (2) prohibiting open carry on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
- (3) prohibiting intimidation at public gatherings/rallies/vigils.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dear Newtown Legislative Committee,

Please do not pass any of the gun restriction proposals from the Newtown Action Alliance. They are not needed. Any one possessing a firearm in CT must have a permit and background check. Carry permits are not the issue. The NAA proposals would also apply to anyone who visits Newtown. That would decrease consumerism as many would feel unsafe if they knew Newtown bans guns.

Please recall that everyone at the Sandy Hook Elementary School was unarmed when Adam Lanza showed up. He chose it because it was a "gun free zone" and he would encounter no opposition. Please don't repeat that scenario.

Thank you,
Andrew Koehm

Your name: Aaron Succow

Your e-mail address: fdram01@gmail.com

Subject: These restrictions are unconstitutional!

Message: These proposed restrictions are unconstitutional and will do nothing to protect the residents of Newtown. All this will do is put more infringement on law abiding gun owners. I understand what happened in Newtown was horrible but all it is in the long run is a feel good measure. A person who is hell bent on evil doesn't care what the laws are they will do what they are going to do regardless. These restrictions will leave people defenseless to those evil people.

Your name: Teresa Cardamone

Your e-mail address: tgrace_99@yahoo.com

Subject: Prohibiting Open Carry of a Firearm

Message:

I strongly support prohibiting the open carry of firearms. This is used for intimidation purposes only. There is no place for this in our town.

Thank you.

Your name: Jess Haitz

Your e-mail address: jess30119@gmail.com

Subject: Support for Ordinance to Prohibit Open Carry of Firearms

Message:

As a resident of Newtown, I am emailing you in support of:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils

Please consider moving our proposals to the ordinance subcommittee.

Thank you,
Jess Haitz

Your name: Chris Haitz

Your e-mail address: chaitz@snet.net

Subject: Newtown Gun Ordinances

Message:

It's important to protect the Newtown community and enact legislation to ban open carry in town, prohibit firearms on town owned property and at public demonstrations, rallies, protests and vigils.

The time to act is now!

Your name: Sal Messina

Your e-mail address: sal Messina98@gmail.com

Subject: NAA proposed open carry ban/banning guns on town property

Message: NAA's assault on 1st and second amendment rights of gun owners has to end. Hurt people hurt people and the NAA's constant attack on law abiding citizens who hold views that differ from their own proves it. Please vote to

allow gun owners to exercise their constitutional rights. Thank you!

Your name: Edward M. Singleton
Your e-mail address: em.singleton@yahoo.com
Subject: Vote against firearms ordinances.
Message:

Dear Council members,

I am messaging to respectfully ask you to OPPOSE these proposed firearms ordinances. As a law abiding gun owner and having three family member in law enforcement, who also oppose these proposals we know that these ordinances will do nothing to counter any crimes or have any positive effects.

Thank you for your time,
Edward Singleton

Your name: John Fletcher
Your e-mail address: jpfletch62@gmail.com
Subject: Gun violence prevention consideration
Message: To the Legislative Council: I understand you will consider whether to send 3 gun prevention ordinance proposals to the ordinance committee. These are common sense recommendations that have only the town's safety at heart. They are similar to guidelines in other communities, and do not infringe on citizens' right to own guns. For the sake of public health, please forward these proposals to the ordinance committee for proper review and consideration.

Your name: Alex Villamil
Your e-mail address: prismhsptng@aol.com
Subject: Proposed Firearm Ordinances
Message:

Dear Members of the Legislative Council

I am writing in support of the three proposed firearm ordinances. The public needs to weigh in on such important common sense gun legislation for our town and sending these on to the ordinance committee will accomplish that. Given our tragic history with gun violence, this is an important discussion to have in order to determine where we stand as a town on the gun safety issue. It is by no means an easy subject to take on, but it is a necessary one. This council must have the wisdom and the courage to facilitate its progress, in order to garner the safety and well being of the residents of this town.

Your name: Carroll Brownlee
Your e-mail address: Brownlee7@Charter.net
Subject: Peace in Newtown
Message:

Please take the necessary steps to ensure that at least Newtown is safe and not a place where people feel free to use exhibition of guns as a way to intimidate citizens.

Thank you.
Mr. Carroll Brownlee

Your name: Kristof Haavik
Your e-mail address: kristofhaavik@yahoo.com
Subject: Gun control measures

Message: All the gun control measures under consideration will contribute to public safety without infringing on anyone's rights. Pass them before more

bodies have to be buried.

Your name: Eric Paradis

Your e-mail address: ericparadis@gmail.com

Subject: Gun Safety Ordinances

Message:

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to ask you that you vote to move forward the three gun safety prevention ordinances to the Ordinance Committee. These are common sense ordinances that can only help keep our community safer. You will likely hear from industry officials that these are not needed nor warranted. They do not have the best interest in the community in their minds, they serve only as the industry lobby which cultivates a message of fear and paranoia in order to line their coffers. It is your role to consider the best needs of our community, not a lobbying group.

It should be up to the Ordinance Committee to research the proposals, take feedback from actual Newtown community members and consider drafting ordinances that keep our community safer. Please move all three proposals to the Ordinance Committee so that they may begin this important work. Thank you for your time in making our home a safer place for all of us.
Eric Paradis

Your name: Milagros Burgos

Your e-mail address: milliecorrea62@aol.com

Subject: Firearms

Message: To prevent gun violence, we all need to work together and express our concerns and safety for our families, and community. To stop openly carry firearms. Firearms should not be easy accessible.

Your name: Edward Randall

Your e-mail address: edwardnrandall@icloud.com

Subject: Firearms ban

Message: It is my belief that open firearm carry is not acceptable. I support the proposed legislation to ban open carry in Newtown, ban firearms on town property, and ban firearms during demonstrations, vigils and rallies.

Your name: Heather Rodriguez

Your e-mail address: hrodriguez66@att.net

Subject: protect our children, families, and our communities

Message:

I am writing to you in support of:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/

Please represent our best interests in not allowing any of these actions to gain a foothold here.

Your name: Connie Cooper

Your e-mail address: connie9876@gmail.com

Subject: Support for Proposed Gun Ordinances

Message: Dear Legislative Council: I support banning open carry, banning firearms on town property, and banning firearms during demonstrations, vigils, and rallies. Intimidation, in my opinion, is the only reason for

allowing the aforementioned. Intimidation is a bad thing, not a good thing. We need to join the other CT towns that have already displayed the maturity to say no to intimidation. We do NOT want to abolish the second amendment or the rights of lawful gun owners. We DO want to feel comfortable walking into the library and we DO want to exercise our right to freedom of speech without feeling intimidated. Thank you, Connie Cooper

Your name: Deborah Lyons

Your e-mail address: medb@rcn.com

Subject: considerate behavior

Message: Please encourage the people of Newtown, who have suffered enough already because of gun violence, to stand for reason and consideration by affirming that open display of firearms is neither appropriate nor kind in a town that suffered so much through the irrational actions of a young man who needed psychological help.

Your name: Marti Mefford

Your e-mail address: martimeff@me.com

Subject: Stand up to intimidating gun owners

Message:

Stop being bullied and influenced by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), NRA, and CCDL. Organizations that care more about monetary gain as opposed to displaying decent human kindness to those whose lives have been shattered by gun violence.

Do the right thing and change the Newtown gun ordinances to protect their tax-paying citizens from armed intimidation and to set a precedent for other communities across the nation.

The moral high ground would be to:

Prohibit gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town

Prohibit openly carrying firearms on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center

Prohibit intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils. (this should not even have to a request, it a shame that it is).

Thank you,
Marti Mefford

Your name: William Baer

Your e-mail address: williambaer@att.net

Subject: NAA Proposal

Message:

I am against the NAA proposal whereas

“ NAA is calling on the Newtown Legislative Council to “protect the Newtown citizens” by banning gun owners from; openly carrying firearms in town; banning guns on town property; and banning firearms at any public demonstrations.”

This is a direct infringement of my 2nd amendment rights and therefore UNCONSTITUTIONAL!

Your name: Donald Weigt

Your e-mail address: dweigt47@gmail.com

Subject: Ban open carry and intimidation in Newtown

Message: I first discovered Newtown when I stopped at the Blue Colony Diner. Loved it! So, I was personally more grieved by the school shooting than I would have otherwise. I support the Newtown residents who want you to ban

open carry in the Town and on Town owned property, and to be free of intimidation by insensitive gun rights advocates. If ever a Town deserved to be free of guns, it's Newtown!

Your name: William Monaco

Your e-mail address: billmonaco2@gmail.com

Subject: NAA's Proposed Gun Laws -- Food for Thought

Message:

Food for thought prior to the NAA's proposal:

A fundamental adage of the gun control movement is that more gun laws equals less gun crime. The only problem with that belief is that it's patently untrue. The website WalletHub recently compared more than 180 cities across the country to determine which cities are the safest for residents and visitors, and it turns out that fully half of the ten safest cities are in states that have very strong Second Amendment protections, including Constitutional or permitless carry.

The website didn't only look at violent crime rates when determining which cities are the safest, but that was a big part of the criteria along with the number of reported COVID cases, law enforcement per capita, and some 40 other factors in three specific areas of concern; Home and Community Safety, Natural Disaster Risk, and Financial Safety. Once those risk factors were tabulated, the site ranked all 180 cities, and with one notable exception, the vast majority of the safest cities are in states that do a decent job in recognizing our right to keep and bear arms.

Columbia, Maryland

South Burlington, Vermont

Plano, Texas

Nashua, New Hampshire

Lewiston, Maine

Burlington, Vermont

Salem, Oregon

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Raleigh, North Carolina

Gilbert, Arizona

Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Arizona are all Constitutional carry states, while the gun laws in Texas, Virginia, and North Carolina are all fairly robust in terms of Second Amendment protections. Columbia, Maryland is the one city in the Top Ten Safest Cities that's located in a state with restrictive gun control laws, and those laws don't seem to be doing much to keep residents in Maryland's largest city safe. Baltimore, Maryland is way down towards the bottom of WalletHub's list of safest cities, coming in 155th out 182 metropolitan areas.

If gun control alone were enough to reduce violent crime, then cities like San Bernardino (ranked 180th out of 182), Los Angeles, (172), Oakland (165), and Washington, D.C. (160) would be among the safest places in the country instead of coming in towards the bottom of the rankings. In fact, it's worth noting that California has the "best" gun control laws in the country according to groups like Giffords and Brady, but it's also home to some of the most dangerous cities in the United States.

California's ten day waiting periods, bans on so-called assault weapons and high capacity magazines, prohibitions on online and out-of-state sales of ammunition, background checks on in-person ammo sales, microstamping requirements, and the other onerous restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms may make gun control activists happy, but they don't do much to keep people safe.

Conversely, some of the safest cities in the country don't have any California-style gun laws in place. That should be enough evidence to put to rest forever the absurd assertion that more gun laws equals less crime, but

you and I both know that the gun control movement is going to keep repeating the lie that we can ban our way to safety. It's going to be up to Second Amendment activists to keep making the case that not only are these gun control laws unconstitutional, but they're ineffective as well; promising security at the expense of our rights, but instead making us both less safe and less free.

Your name: Kay Reinfried

Your e-mail address: kmreinfried@gmail.com

Subject: Gun safety laws

Message: Please take action to ensure all citizens are safe from open carry.

Your name: Barbara Kraushaar

Your e-mail address: babs2170@hotmail.com

Subject: Open carry gun laws

Message: We can not tolerate you loosening the gun laws. Don't we have any rights or just the gun owners. It is a disgrace.

Your name: Danial Cologna

Your e-mail address: dcologna@harter.net

Subject: Gun Restrictions

Message:

I am asking the legislative council to let eh Newtown Action Alliance restrict our constitutional right within the confines of our town. There is no credible evidence of of any problem here that requires the attention of the council. Instead we have a constructed problem here created by by a group that seeks to come up with answers to problems that do not exist. There is no credible evidence of any gun owner intimidating a person by just the idea that might be carrying a gun. IF in fact an actual intimidation occurred you can bet it would have been reported and investigated. This is designed annoy and to create anti gun sentiment within our community. It is the law abiding gun owners that are being intimidated here. It is unconscionable that in this day age a legal carry permit holder would have to asses if he/she were to cross inot prohibited areas or a spontaneous protest should break out that they would now be considered a law breaker. There is a old saying that my might rights don't begin where you feelings end. All need to do is watch the news in the last six months to realize why millions of new gun owners from both sides of the political spectrum have chosen to purchase a gun and seek a carry permit. Don't be on the wrong side of history here and let our rights be slowly whittled away by people who don't like how they feel when someone carries a gun. I don't like how they make me feel when they go after my rights, yet I don't look to turn my feelings into laws so I feel better. Let them have there say but uphold pour constitutional rights. Look up the facts on how often a gun is used to diffuse a situation or protect someone who is at a disadvantage. Please show me how and where the problem is in Newtown?

Your name: Cindy Montoya

Your e-mail address: cmontoyadance@gmail.com

Subject: Gun Safety

Message:

Please support:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/

Your name: Principal Ann Madsen

Your e-mail address: annmadsen22@yahoo.com

Subject: Open carry...is darn scary

Message: What positive, healthy message does a person wearing a gun send?

Socially, emotionally? Like a mask in a pandemic, For the sake of others and yourself..keep firearms out of sight and fright.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read my email, My name is Michael and I am a current member of the CCDL, and your neighbor in Oxford. I hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

Today I have found out that the NAA is [calling](#) on the Newtown Legislative Council to “*protect the Newtown citizens*” by **banning gun owners from; openly carrying firearms in town; banning guns on town property; and banning firearms at any public demonstrations**. NAA is claiming “*many armed members of CCDL have shown up to counter-protest at the gun violence prevention rallies and vigils*” and that “*Guns are being used to intimidate the Newtown community*”.

I find this quite concerning since most ct gun owners are respectable upstanding citizens and not only have the right to carry as permitted by the US constitution, but more importantly then State of CT. CT as you know, has some of the toughest gun laws in the country, as a new gun owner it took me over 8 months and multiple background checks to receive my permit, not to mention the costs associated with it.

While I respect the intent of NAA , I do think this is an over reach and will only limit law abiding citizens and make Newtown less safe and more prone to illegal firearms and crime. I also think their statement about intimidation is truly baseless and well absurd.

I won't take up anymore time I am sure you are very busy and wanted to thank each of you again for taking the time to review this email and I hope after collecting all the information can make the right decision and not infringe on our constitutional rights.

Respectfully

Michael Ferguson

Artist

Oxford, CT

Your name: Gene Drumm

Your e-mail address: drumm.gene@yahoo.com

Subject: Strengthen gun safety ordinances

Message:

Eight years ago we learned that even the slaughter of 6 year old children and their teachers and school employees was not enough to have our national elected representatives take a stand against the spread of gun violence. The Newton Legislative Council now has an opportunity to strengthen protections against gun violence by forwarding the common sense proposals of the Newtown Action Alliance to the Legislative Council Ordinance Subcommittee.

Please take this opportunity.

Your name: Vita Larkin

Your e-mail address: vitalarkin@hotmail.com

Subject: Local regulations on common sense gun restrictions

Message:

I write to you to show my support for you to enact local regulation that:

1. prohibits gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibits on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibits intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils

While the nation waits for the federal and state governments to strengthen our gun laws, we must do more on the local level to protect our children,

families, and our communities.

Your name: Erin Orozco

Your e-mail address: erin.orozco@gmail.com

Subject: Strengthen Gun Laws

Message:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to hear that almost 8 years to the day after the tragic events at Sandy Hook, the Council will be considering actions to strengthen gun ordinances. I would like to register my support for the following action points.

1. Prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in Newtown and town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center.
2. Prohibiting armed intimidation at public demonstrations, protests, rallies, marches, and vigils.

While we wait for the federal and state governments to strengthen our gun laws, we must do more on the local level to protect our children, families, and our communities. Thank you in advance for taking my concerns under consideration.

Your name: Linda Johnson

Your e-mail address: ljj1@cornell.edu

Subject: Gun Ordinances

Message: Of all the cities in the United States (and the world), Newtown, CT should have the most restrictive gun ordinances. Your citizens suffered an unbearable loss at the hand of a young gun user. Small children were brutally killed as were educators who taught and tried to save them. It was and still is an abomination. Set an example and save your emotionally scarred residents. And do it for all of us who still feel the pain and want it to stop in Newtown and everywhere.

Your name: Priscilla Jones

Your e-mail address: boylejones@gmail.com

Subject: Prohibition of open carry of firearms in Newtown

Message:

Greetings Legislative Council Members,

Do what is best for those impacted by trauma in Newtown, and for those living in Newtown period. Firearms openly carried alarm me and many others, even those firearms resting on the hip of a police officer. While I understand the necessity of police officers having their weapons at the ready, Joe Q Citizen has no need for open display of a weapon. Please do what is right and pass legislation for our town

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center and
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/gatherings.

Thank you for doing what is right and good for our town.

Priscilla Jones

Hello Newtown Legislative Council,

I lived in Newtown for almost 28 years and the tragedy that hit Sandy Hook was awful. But it is time to move forward. I can say that I am a law-abiding resident, with a concealed carry permit.

The NAA is out of control, they have provided pictures (<https://www.newtownactionalliance.org/ban-open-carry-in-newtown>) from a peaceful protest that LAW ABIDING gun people were not using their guns to "Intimidate" anyone. Our 2nd Amendment right is being infringed!

I am opposed to any of these three bans that the NAA is bringing forth and any restrictions that are not warranted.
***Legally permitted residents are allowed by the laws set forth in the State of CT, to carry firearms both open and concealed. This is the LAW

Respectfully,
Courtney Berko
140 Lake PI S
Danbury, CT 06810

Your name: Kathryn Schubert
Your e-mail address: kangarookathy@yahoo.com
Subject: Prohibit gun violence
Message: Please enact better laws to prohibit the citizens of Newtown and other places from carrying guns.

Your name: Elizabeth Litt
Your e-mail address: betsylitt@gmail.com
Subject: Ban open carry & firearms on town property and during demonstrations
Message: I support legislation to ban open carry of firearms in Newtown, banning firearms on town property, and banning firearms during demonstrations, vigils and rallies. I have been frightened by people open carrying firearms during demonstrations at Fairfield Hills, and there is no good reason someone should brandish weapons in that situation except to intimidate people exercising free speech.

Your name: David M. Laws
Your e-mail address: davidmlaws@hotmail.com
Subject: Open Carry
Message: No one needs to walk around with a gun. Please ban open carry. Your citizens have suffered enough!

Your name: Douglas Pregman
Your e-mail address: dpregman@gmail.com
Subject: Firearm ordinance
Message: Changing any current ordinance in regards to firearms is not warranted and not supported. Removing rights of citizens should not be a consideration. Thank you for your time and the time you put into our town.

Your name: Danielle grzan
Your e-mail address: daniellegrzan@gmail.com
Subject: Gun Restriction Proposal
Message: Good evening, I just read that three gun restriction proposals are being discussed and I they should all be summarily rejected. Legal leave a aiding gun owners do not need to be restricted. In fact, if everyone in town openly carried firearms we would all be safer. I know that all of my neighbors agree with me. Please represent our town properly and reject these proposals.

Your name: Camelia Elena Hagischi
Your e-mail address: alexamy1974@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Newtown Action Alliance Gun Regulation
Message: The citizens of newtown do not want carry regulations. The things being proposed are not only unconstitutional but, limit the spaces in which newtown residents can protect themselves. I am strongly against the things

being brought up and do not want any of these regulations to pass.

Your name: Alexander G Hagischi

Your e-mail address: alexanderhagischi@yahoo.com

Subject: Newtown Action Alliance Gun Safety Proposal

Message: Hello I just wanted to voice my concern on the gun carry regulations being proposed by the Newtown Action Alliance. While I respect the views and concerns of Newtown residents, I do not believe the things being proposed are going to protect people and very well will stop the personal protecting by Newtown citizens and their families while being at public events, traveling, etc. This is against our constitutional right to bear arms and protect ourselves. The everyday concealed carrier in this town that have gone through legal ways of concealed carrying through background checks and gun safety classes are not the people we should be restricting more and more. I understand the stance and reasoning and I wish for everyone in this town to be safe but by regulating legal gun owners we do not only potentially make some criminals but also further danger ourselves from those that receive firearms outside of the law and actually mean harm to the public. I just wanted to voice my concern in being against the things being proposed and that the citizens of this town do not want these things being passed. Thank you.

Your name: Quinn Ryan Browne

Your e-mail address: quinnrbrowne@gmail.com

Subject: Proposed Firearms Ordinances

Message:

To whom it may concern,

The proposes firearm ordinances that are before the council tonight are unconstitutional and un-enforcable by law. Moreover, they are completely misdirected in their target of preventing gun violence and will only infringe on the liberties of law abiding firearm owners of Newtown. If the council has any regard for the personal liberties of the people of Newtown they should vote against these ordinances drafted by the Newtown Action Alliance, who have proven time and time again that they only seek to strip rights from law abiding citizens.

I trust that you will put my tax dollars to good use.

Regards,

Quinn Browne

Your name: William Pendergast

Your e-mail address: williamjpendergast@gmail.com

Subject: proposed gun ordinance changes

Message: I am 100 percent against the proposed ordinances being brought before the Town by Newtown Action Alliance

Your name: Michelle Embree Ku

Your e-mail address: michelle.embreeku@gmail.com

Subject: Firearms Limitations

Message:

Dear Council Members, I am writing in support of the proposed safety legislation to limit the carrying of firearms in public. Specifically, I think that privately owned firearms have no place in public arenas and serve as a means of intimidation. Firearms have increasingly shown up at protests, public meetings, local businesses, and legislative hearings. We pride our democratic processes, freedom of speech, and civil discourse in the United

States. Elected officials and a participating citizenry should not have to confront this threat when debating ideas. Thank you for your consideration.
Michelle Embree Ku
28 Platts Hill Rd

Your name: Barbara Bloom
Your e-mail address: bbloom4388@aol.com
Subject: Gun ordinance

Message:

I am against all 3 of the current gun ordinances proposed. According to the Newtown Bee article, "The NAA website states the group welcomes advocates, along with families of victims and survivors of gun violence, who are working to transform the tragedy of 12/14 into meaningful action to end gun violence through the introduction of smarter, safer gun laws." These ordinances do NOT make us safer or reduce gun violence. The people who are perpetrating gun violence are not going to pay any heed to these ordinances. In the event of gun violence, I personally would hope to have a legal, law abiding gun owner nearby to act.

Barbara Bloom
25 Philo Curtis Rd, Sandy Hook

Your name: Reverend Jorge Morales
Your e-mail address: hisservant1968@yahoo.com
Subject: NAA FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS

Message: Hello, I pray that this email finds you in the best of health. I'm writing as a concerned citizen of Connecticut. The NAA wants to propose a few firearms restrictions that are unfair to lawful and responsible licensed citizens that carry their sidearm in the town of Newtown. I frequently visit Newtown because I have family there and I am a lawful and responsible licensed firearm carrier and I carry at all times. I am aware of and respect the carry laws of Connecticut which are strict enough already and I'm aware of the tragic history of Newtown's residents in with the senseless actions of a disturbed individual. With that being said, I feel that only the responsible citizens get targeted when new restrictions are brought up and it really attacks our rights, which does nothing to deter the ones that always go against the laws and are not held responsible. So I'm asking you to find it in your heart not infringe on our God given rights to protect our selves and our fellow citizens, I have served our country during Desert Storm and I served our country for twelve years to protect our rights as American Citizens!!! I will always defend our country, our Constitution, and our citizens!!! I thank you for taking the time out to read my plea for fairness and I look forward to hearing from you, any of you, my cell number is 203-556-8673 should there be any questions to my concerns. Again, thank you and God bless you!!! Your humble servant, Reverend Jorge Morales.

Your name: Don Lococo
Your e-mail address: dlococo@newtownaction.org
Subject: Proposed firearm ordinances

Message:

This email is in support of the proposed firearm ordinances for the town of Newtown. My name is Don Lococo, and I reside at 27 Hi Barlow Rd. Newtown, CT. My wife and I moved here in 1994, and I work at a skilled nursing facility in Southbury.

My workplace has a "No guns Allowed" type of sign on the lobby door. The sign is the result of someone visiting our facility, required to use the toilet, and left their handgun in the bathroom. A housekeeper found the

firearm and notified management, which in turn, notified police. My workplace already had a policy in place, not allowing firearms. The sign was posted in the lobby after this incident. Newtown would benefit from passing ordinances, banning firearms during vigils, rallies and demonstrations, banning open carry of firearms, and banning firearms on town property including buildings. And then please, post "No Guns Allowed" signs on town buildings.

Thank you for your consideration,
Don Lococo

Your name: Michelle Haitz

Your e-mail address: michelle.haitz@gmail.com

Subject: Banning guns at town events

Message:

Hello,

I am emailing in support of:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations.

Please take this into consideration to ensure that all residents feel safe and protected.

Your name: Allison Anderman

Your e-mail address: aanderman@giffords.org

Subject: Support for Gun Safety Ordinances

Message:

Dear Members of the Newtown Legislative Council,
On behalf of Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence ("Giffords Law Center"), I write in support of the proposed ordinances that will prohibit the open carrying of long guns, the carrying of firearms on Town property, and firearms at or near protests and demonstrations. Led by former Congresswoman and gun violence survivor, Gabby Giffords, for over 27 years, the organization now known as Giffords Law Center has been providing legal expertise in support of local, state, and federal gun violence prevention laws to legislators nationwide.

The three ordinances will undoubtedly improve public safety by limiting the carrying of firearms in public, particularly under circumstances where such carry is unusually dangerous such as at rallies or demonstrations or on government property. Under current Connecticut law, individuals may openly carry long guns such as rifles and shotguns in public. White Supremacists have long used firearms—and permissive open carry laws—to threaten and intimidate others, with examples of such violence going back to the Reconstruction era.¹ Individuals open carrying firearms as a means of armed intimidation is on the rise across the United States.²

In addition to being used to infringe on American's First Amendment rights, open carrying firearms outside of hunting or other limited purposes is dangerous and reckless. Carrying openly visible guns in public can quickly turn arguments fatal and create confusion for law enforcement responding to shootings. Researchers have suggested that the presence of visible firearms may alter behavior and increase aggressive and violent behaviors. In addition to broadly prohibiting open carry of long guns, the prohibition of all firearm carry on town property is in the interest of public safety.

Multiple studies show that restrictions on the carrying of concealed weapons can increase public safety. For example, recent analyses have shown that states with weak standards for concealed carry have higher rates of violent crime and gun homicides than would be expected if the states had stricter

standards for public carry.

Particularly in this milieu where people incensed about gun laws or debunked allegations of voter fraud are threatening the safety of public officials, restricting gun possession on public property is wise policy.³ For the aforementioned reasons, I strongly urge you to vote aye on the proposed ordinances.

Sincerely,

Allison Anderman
Senior Counsel

1https://giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws/policy-areas/guns-in-public/open-carry/#footnote_0_5645

2<https://giffords.org/lawcenter/report/armed-protesters-inspire-fear-chill-free-speech/>

3 Id; <https://www.wsj.com/livecoverage/latest-updates-biden-trump-election-2020/card/LEA1RSD8SnG3KWcZZahW>

Your name: Carey Schierloh

Your e-mail address: cschierloh@gmail.com

Subject: Proposed Gun Ordinance

Message:

Council Members,

I am opposed to any further infringement on my 2nd amendment rights to defend myself. The council addressed this issue several years ago. It was not a good idea then and it is not now. If these ordinances are enacted, how will anyone even know if someone is carrying concealed? It can't be monitored. Signs and ordinances will not stop a crazy person bent on doing harm. They will look to target places with no resistance or defense. Our constitutional right to bear arms and to self protection should not be limited because some people artificially feel safer if there is a sign or ordinance creating gun free zones. Ordinances should be based on facts no feelings. Carey Schierloh, 6 Shady Rest Blvd, SH

Your name: Cara Reilly

Your e-mail address: creilly@iwpnews.com

Subject: Support for proposed gun ordinances

Message:

To the Newtown Legislative Council:

I am writing in support of the proposed ordinances that would ban carrying firearms (long guns AND hand guns) on town property and during demonstrations. In Newtown, a place where citizens are still feeling the ripple effects of gun violence, we should never be faced with the fear and intimidation that public firearm carrying can instill. The proposed ordinances do not impinge on second amendment rights and it would be more beneficial to our community's sense of security to have them in place.

Respectfully,

Cara Reilly

Your name: Tiffany Hawley

Your e-mail address: Tiffany367@gmail.com

Subject: Newtown Action Alliance Proposal 12/02/20

Message:

Tiffany Hawley

27 Swamp Road, Newtown, CT 06470

Here is my written testimony for tonights agenda.

Law abiding gun owners obey laws, those who don't obey laws, are criminals.

Why would anyone want to be a willing vicim? Why would you want to seek to limit those who are not a threat.

Sadly, people are more concerned about virtue signaling and falling in line with everyone else instead of being their own person minding their own business.

What these people who know so much that isn't truthful, fail to realize is that "Gun Free Zones" are just a sign with a false sense of safety. Gun free zones create victims, it's naive and it's dangerous.

Real safety is taking responsibility for one's actions and doing what's right even for those around them who may feel differently. I carry because it's the right thing and it's my right to do so. No one is forced to bear arms, it's a right and a responsibility. No where else on this planet does anyone else enjoy the freedoms we have except for those here trying to erode them because they don't know how good they have it until it's gone. No one has the right to tell me how to live my life, let alone how to defend it. You do not have the right to impart your fear on anyone else.

Believe me when I say that it's not those who legally open carry or legally carry, it's those who choose to carry by any means and they don't care about your feelings when they do so. With all due respect, those of you who are opposed to any one right has been manipulated by a biased media with emotional propaganda. Do not let them think and decide for you, you're better than that.

Speak to any law abiding gun owner. We're fellow law abiding and tax paying citizens just like you, but we are held to an even higher standard because we know how important our rights are, personally as a being a woman, mother and wife.

My husband is comfortable knowing that I can protect our daughter and myself when he is away at work.

I didn't grow up in a home with gun owners, in fact, I didn't know much at all about firearms until I met my husband. I took my firearms safety course because my husband is a gun owner and wanted me to be safe around firearms. At the end of that course, I felt proud of myself. I felt empowered. I felt safer knowing that I had fighting chance to defend myself if I had to, and those around me. Why wouldn't any other law abiding citizens want that same sense of security? Biologically as a woman, the firearm is the great equalizer. Because of that, I then took my training further and became a pistol instructor to continue my education and teach others not only how to safely handle and carry firearms but why. It's a constitutional right, and a right that many around the world wish they had. Never give that up. I sleep comfortably at night knowing we have many layers of protection and that the last one, if we need it, is still there.

I am thankful and grateful to those who fought for our rights and I take a personal responsibility to not only fight for and protect those rights but to enjoy them as well.

Thank you for your time.

Your name: Tom Antignani

Your e-mail address: tantignani@aol.com

Subject: Three ANTI-Second amendment proposals for tonight

Message:

You must not vote for ANY of these anti-gun proposals tonight. They are arbitrary and meaningless in stopping any crime/violence. It is just another way to chip away at our freedoms and rights granted to us by the Constitution. Think about if this was applied to the First amendment or any of the others.

Thank you.

Your name: Joan Plouffe

Your e-mail address: joanplouffe@gmail.com

Subject: Gun safety ordinances

Message:

Dear LC Members,

I am writing to request that the LC send the three gun safety ordinances to the Ordinance Committee. I have read the proposed ordinances and know that other surrounding communities have adopted similar ordinances. I find them to be common sense ordinances that do not unnecessarily infringe on second amendment rights. While some may believe that these ordinances are not necessary, I think that to wait for a problem to arise could be too late to have avoided a tragedy. I believe the Ordinance Committee will do proper vetting to the proposals and make a recommendation in the best interests of Newtown.

This email contains my own thoughts and are not in any way on behalf of the Police Commission, of which I am a member.

Your name: Harriman-Stites Rebekah

Your e-mail address: harriman.rebekah@gmail.com

Subject: Local Gun Safety Ordinances

Message:

Dear Members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing to express my full support of the referral of the three proposed gun safety measures to the Ordinance Committee for review, revision, and ultimate approval. These measures are key to a safe and secure community, free from intimidation and threats of violence. These common sense ordinances are long overdue in Newtown and should be considered in the best interest of the residents.

The views expressed in this letter are my own, and not on behalf of the Board of Education, for which I am a member.

With gratitude for your service to our community,
Rebekah Harriman-Stites
5 Sealand Drive, Newtown

Your name: Kathryn Mayer

Your e-mail address: kathrynmayer1@gmail.com

Subject: public safety

Message:

Dear Newtown leaders,

Writing in support of the proposed safety legislation to limit public display of intimidation with open carry of firearms on public property. I personally have experienced such life-threatening intimidation at many protests and vigils after SH shooting, at Hartford leg hearings, as well as at more recent pro-Trump rallies, and even in the Big Y and Caraluzzi's, where open carry allows a level of intimidation not necessary in the frozen food aisle. In light of recent polarization of national politics, it is a necessary precaution to protect the community by limiting where and when firearms are allowed -- their presence is intimidation, bullying, and harassment, with life-threatening consequences. While the alarming national vitriol incites civilians, I fully expect local leaders to protect and serve its electorate. It is common sense to limit where and when civilians are allowed to carry weapons that have the ability to limit our lives, safety, and happiness.

Thank you. Kathryn Mayer

Your name: mark cole 134 S. Main ST. Newtown

Your e-mail address: markcole399@gmail.com

Subject: NAA legislative meeting

Message: This meeting should be tabled until the citizens of Newtown can attend IN PERSON. Since the proposals contradict State, and, Federal constitutional RIGHTS, the citizens MUST be able to assemble in person to have their voices heard. Not all of us have the tools to attend via the internet. NAA is a National Org., using our town as a "test case". If ANY of these proposals become Law, it will be used to restrict ALL Citizens 2nd amendment rights, across OUR Nation. I ask you, respectively, to either cancel altogether, or, postpone this meeting, until Covid restrictions are lifted. Doing it now, when participation is severely limited, is anathema to an open, and, respectful Government. thank you, Mark W. Cole

Your name: William Monaco

Your e-mail address: billmonaco2@gmail.com

Subject: Further Consideration Regarding NAA's Proposed Gun Laws

Message:

Newtown Legislative Council,

I would venture to say that 99.9 % of Newtown citizens have NEVER seen a civilian (non-law enforcement) person open carry here in town.

Clearly the NAA is fabricating a problem that does not exist.

This is a tactic right out of any two bit fringe group's playbook...Create a problem.... then waltz in with a solution...to the problem you yourself had created all in the false guise that it is for the safety of the public.

Please do not allow the town to get sucked into their scheme...The more power you give the NAA the less rights the public will have.

Thank you for your consideration

Your name: RONALD POLARD

Your e-mail address: RPOR@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Subject: NAA PROPOSALS

Message:

AS A TAX PAYING RESIDENT OF NEWTOWN FOR 28 YEARS WISH TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION

TO ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CONSTITUTIONALLY (CT. AND USA) PROTECTED RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS.

LAWFUL GUN OWNERS HAVE ALREADY JUMPED THRU ENOUGH RED TAPE NOT TO BE BURDENED WITH FURTHER RESRTICTIONS WHICH WILL NOT IMPROVE ANYONES SAFETY. ANY PRECEIVED DANGERS ,LISTED BY NAA ARE NOT REAL AND EXIST MERELY IN THE MIND OF THE MEMBERS

Dear members of the Newtown Legislative Council:

I wish to voice my OPPOSITION to the Newtown Action Alliance's proposed firearm ordinances, set to be heard on Wednesday December 2nd, 2020.

Once again, NAA's actions are based on fear, ignorance, and to be frank, hatred. It is an insult to all gun owners. I am a physician, husband, and a father. I am also a pistol permit holder and an NRA Pistol Instructor. I carry everywhere permitted by law. If you and I are in line at a store, likely you have been within 6 feet of my pistol. You did not know that, and you were not harmed. One can easily argue that you were safer with me in that store as I take responsibility for my safety.

Why then, does NAA want to ban carrying firearms on town property, the open carry of rifles and the carrying of firearms at public demonstrations? It is certainly not based on safety. No violence or crime have been perpetrated at these events.

No doubt that you will hear and read impassioned pleas from NAA and their supporters of how they "just want to feel safe". Certainly, the sweeping fantasy-based declaration that firearms cannot be carried somewhere does not in fact render anyone safe nor ensure that anyone, absent the lawfully armed, will obey it. Signs and laws do not matter to madman and felons. This is NAA's usual mantra and it rings hollow. It is an illusion.

NAA's misguided and false sense of feeling safe is one thing. They have gone further than that. They claim that "guns are being used to intimidate the Newtown community members" at counter-protests. For context, I will

include photos, from their press release, showing this “intimidation”. This claim is insulting. This appears to be a peaceable assembly formed after anti-gun groups asked Starbucks to reverse their gun-friendly store policy. These photos, from August of 2013, are what they are using as an exhibit of “intimidation”. Seven years ago. That is their evidence to the world of intimidation by a group exercising its free speech. I urge you to NOT yield to their irrational political pressure.

Respectfully,
Dr. Walt Kupson
Middlebury CT



Your name: Keith Alexander

Your e-mail address: newtown@keitha.net

Subject: In support of local ordinances banning weapons in public

Message:

Hello Legislative Council Members,

Thank you for your time and dedication to Newtown. I am writing in support of legislation for local ordinances that you will be considering tonight at your meeting:

Banning Open Carry,

Banning firearms on town property,

Banning firearms during demonstrations, vigils, rallies.

I understand that gun ownership is a right but safety is also a right. People in Newtown should feel safe in public.

While it is currently legal in Newtown to Open Carry, to carry a firearm on town property such as Fairfield Hills, Edmond Town Hall, and to carry firearms during demonstrations such as rallies or vigils, I do not feel these are appropriate places to bring firearms and the display of firearms in these situations will always increase tension.

I appreciate your consideration and understanding.

--Keith Alexander

8 Fawnwood Road, Sandy Hook

Please note: While I am currently a Member of the Board of Finance, my comments do not reflect the Board of Finance and are from me as a taxpayer and citizen of Newtown.

Your name: Patricia A Clark

Your e-mail address: willomoor@att.net

Subject: gun restriction proposals

Message: There are many of us in Newtown who still wish to exercise the rights we have as citizens of this town to carry our firearms wherever there is danger of attack. Walking along town trails and roads is not comfortable without protection that cannot be afforded quickly by our police. This is a big town with lots of open space and they could never be close enough to help. I urge you to drop this over zealous infringement of the right to open carry and the prohibitions sought by people who have no concept of personal protection.

Your name: Joyce Frohn

Your e-mail address: AHengst1@new.rr.com

Subject: guns

Message: I am shocked that your town still allows open carry in public places.

Your name: Nora Polk

Your e-mail address: nora.mattek@gmail.com

Subject: Gun control now!

Message:

I support:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting gun owners on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting gun owner intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

Sincerely,
Nora Polk

Your name: Kenneth Robertson

Your e-mail address: kcrmusic@kc.rr.com

Subject: Gun Violence

Message:

I approve to all of the following:

1. prohibiting gun owners from openly carrying their firearms in town
2. prohibiting on town-owned property such as Fairfield Hills and the Newtown Municipal Center
3. prohibiting intimidation at public demonstrations/protests/rallies/marches/vigils.

Your name: Jerry Li

Your e-mail address: jerryli@gmail.com

Subject: Comment on NAA Proposal to ban

Message:

Hello,

My name is Jerry Li and I would like to comment on the NAA proposal to ban firearm carry on town property, at demonstrations, and open carry in general. I believe in the 2nd Amendment but I also believe in the safety of residents. CT has one of the strictest laws in place to purchase firearms, as a result of what happened in Newtown in 2012. From reading the NAA proposal, I do not see any valid genesis for any of these new proposed rules. What has happened recently that triggered the need for these new rules? Gun laws are a fine balance between maintaining 2A rights under the constitution and legislating rules to ensure safety for the public. Careful consideration need to be made every time, but I just don't see enough of benefit to the public that

outweighs infringement of 2A rights at this time for these specific proposals.

I'm a Stamford resident and in 2012 I was working at GE Capital in Stamford, in the same building where Peter Lanza worked. For weeks that was the hard tragedy that effected my work community immensely. I'll never forget where I was and what I was doing when I head the news. And I'm sure it's the same for the members of NAA. But we have to move on. Law abiding permit holders did not commit those acts in 2012. Removal of all civilian firearms would stop such events in the future but it's simply against our constitution, NAA needs to find another way to prevent such acts.

Sincerely,

Jerry Li

Stamford, Conn

12/7/2020

Your name: Michael Pantano

Your e-mail address: mpantano7@gmail.com

Subject: Proposed gun ordinances

Message:

I have been living in Newtown for 11 years. I love this town and I truly care about its future. The proposed ordinances are more examples of increasing government over reach by ignorant and scared people. They are not only unconstitutional, but counterproductive to the ultimate goal of making Newtown and our state a safe place for our children to live. The tragedy at Sandy Hook has NOTHING to do with law abiding citizens practice their right to bear arms on town property. We need more armed officers in schools, and more responsible citizens concealed carrying in town. So-called "Gun Free Zones" have proven to be targets for psychotic people hell-bent on causing harm to others. Groups like the Newtown Action Alliance are creating a problem where one does not exist just to push their extreme agenda. Please vote down this mis-guided legislation. Thank you!

Mike Pantano

8 Pine Tree Hill Rd

Newtown, CT

Your name: Daniel Pierce

Your e-mail address: piercedaniel@att.net

Subject: Open Carry

Message: CT is already an open carry state although it's a farce since if I were to carry openly that it would cause chaos. I am a law abiding citizen and carry frequently. There is no boundary that turns me into a mass murderer. Town property or private I am the same conscience person. In a larger picture I feel the same about state restrictions.

Your name: Joe Harrington

Your e-mail address: joeyharrington1997@yahoo.com

Subject: Firearm ordinances

Message: I have lived in Newtown my entire life. I understand how tragic the shooting was believe me, I was a freshman at NHS when it happened. But my question is why are law abiding gun owners being punished? No one has the right to infringe any constitutional rights period. I do not accept these proposed ordinances they're a direct attack on every legal gun owner in Newtown/Connecticut. Please do not pass these ordinances.

Your name: Shelley Minden

Your e-mail address: shelleyminden@msn.com

Subject: Preventing armed intimidation

Message:

I remember living near Newton many years ago -- a beautiful and peaceful city. Please keep it that way by changing gun laws to prevent armed intimidation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Good day,

I would like to respond to the "protect the Newtown citizens" proposal to ban guns in our town. I am a Sandyhook/Newtown citizen and home owner. I have grown up around guns my entire life and have taken the required skills and documentation to carry a gun in the state of Connecticut. For me it's more of an enjoyment of target shooting, but if needed I have the skills to protect myself.

My thought on the choice to carry is a freedom we have been given, but also that freedom should come with guidelines. Guns will never disappear, bad people will always find a way to get a gun. The citizens that choose to carry go through a long expensive process with training to be able to carry in Connecticut. These are not the ones you should be fearing. I believe we should focus on education and training of guns and how to properly use them. The second item I believe is important, mental health is not addressed like it should be. It often gets overlooked or brushed under the rug. If a person doesn't want a gun that is their choice just as someone that goes through state policies to have a gun is their choice also.

As a citizen we have the ability to make choices, whether good or bad. We need to remember we do not live in a perfect world and getting rid of something doesn't always solve the problem. Education and awareness are key.

Thank you and have a great day!

Wendy J. Stone

Good morning

As a long time Newtown resident, I would like to express my concerns and opposition to any change in law regarding my second amendment rights. I just recently became aware of the NAA trying to ban the carry of fire arms in certain parts of town. I strongly oppose this. As our town legislative team I implore you to not consider pursuing this any further.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Troy Simek