



CT Against Gun Violence

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CT Against Gun Violence and Rep. Gary Holder Winfield: Remember our Cities When Proposing Gun Safety Legislation

Hartford, CT- CT Against Gun Violence has joined with Rep. Gary Holder-Winfield to hold a press conference on the legislative response to urban gun violence.

Rep. Holder Winfield remarked, “Every day in our larger cities, whether someone is shot on that day or not, gun violence has an impact on the lives of the people who live there. If we do not address the type of gun violence that we see on a regular basis as we look at a response to Sandy Hook, then we will have failed to properly address the issue of gun violence in Connecticut. This is why the proposals recommended by Connecticut Against Gun Violence are so important.”

Governor Malloy has issued the administration’s proposals for the legislature to use as a starting point for reasonable gun violence prevention legislation. CAGV Executive Director Ron Pinciario said, “While we fully support the common sense measures proposed by Governor Malloy, we also believe that our proposal on registration of handguns, with annual renewal and stipulation that the law abiding purchaser is still in possession of the handgun, will go a long way to help address the problem of legally purchased guns being diverted into the illegal market. This is a major contributing factor to urban crime. We also believe that limiting handgun purchases to one per month, as has been done in three states, will be an important hindrance to gun traffickers.”

Police Chief Joe Gaudett of Bridgeport stated, “Gun violence has been a scourge to our community. It is our goal, and the goal for all Connecticut cities, to prioritize the use of our law enforcement resources and strategy to make our streets and neighborhoods free from gun violence. The proposals offered by CT Against Gun Violence will help us do that.”

Betsy Baldwin, a member of YANA (You Are Not Alone), a group of family members who have lost loved ones to urban gun violence stated that, “YANA stands for You Are Not Alone. In a way I wish I was the only mother who had to feel this pain. But our list of members continues to grow. We beg our legislators to see what is happening and to help us.”

Added Pinciario, “The Gun Violence Prevention task force needs to be mindful of the problem of urban gun violence as they consider additions to the proposals made by Governor Malloy. Those proposals are a good starting point, but more can be done to help our urban communities.

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Connecticut Against Gun Violence (CAGV) is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to making Connecticut communities, families, and children safe from gun violence through a common-sense approach to public education and legislative advocacy.