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Fairfield, CT – CT Against Gun Violence (CAGV) welcomes today's decision from Governor Dannel Malloy to introduce his own gun safety legislative proposals. The Governor's proposal includes measures deemed worthy of what the state and the country are expecting from Connecticut, a state known for its record of leadership in making the safety of its citizens the priority.

CAGV Executive Director Ron Pinciario said, "We welcome the Governor's direct involvement in the process. The Governor is the ultimate voice of the people and the state and it is clear that the people of Connecticut want a bold response to the enormity of what happened on December 14. We were heartened by his remarks in Danbury today and the fact that he is calling for a vote on a comprehensive package of gun violence prevention measures."

The Governor is submitting legislative proposals to the Legislature that he believes should be the basis for the effort to confront the issue of gun violence. Up until now, the special task force established to consider firearm related proposals has been the legislative vehicle for determining which of the many proposals would go forward.

According to the Governor, the task force was not acting fast enough. CAGV President Marty Isaac stated, "We appreciate the work of the Legislative Task Force. It was so important that they held hearings and listened to panels of experts on this issue. We think it was especially important they held a hearing in Newtown. Now is the time we hope the Governor and legislative leaders will come together and quickly bring to a vote a comprehensive package of gun violence prevention legislation."

In a joint statement issued by Nancy Lefkowitz and Meg Staunton, co-founders of the March For Change, the grassroots organizing platform of CAGV, they stated, "Governor Malloy clearly understands the demands of a vocal majority: the passage of comprehensive, rational gun violence prevention legislation in the State of Connecticut. More than 5,500 people attended the Valentine's Day March For Change in Hartford. We are pleased that the message of our rally resonates with the Governor, that he hears our demands, and is taking action to make these changes to our current gun laws.

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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.