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Press Release

Orlando Club Massacre Steels Resolve in Connecticut

Connecticut Recommits to the Fight to Retain the Right to Armed Self Defense

Connecticut, June 13, 2016: In the wake of a horrible incident in Orlando, Florida, Connecticut Carry is once again reminded of the importance of its mission statement and Article 1, Section 15 of the Connecticut Constitution:

“Every citizen has the right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.” - Article 1, Section 15 – Connecticut Constitution

We are also reminded of our own battles here in Connecticut to ensure that Connecticut residents are not disarmed by the State of Connecticut when going about their lives.

Residents of and visitors to Florida are restricted from defending themselves in an establishment that serves alcohol, the type of establishment that recently saw a massacre of innocent people in Orlando. Disarming people only enables this kind of bloodshed. Disarming the peaceable does not prevent violence. In this case, it is apparent that a rogue law disarmed the good and innocent people having a nice night out at the club. This law denied their innate and basic human right to armed self-defense. In contrast, that same law had zero apparent impact on the homicidal fanatic that decided to commit such an atrocity. Violating the law against firearms in an establishment that serves alcohol, he then proceeded to commit first degree murder against at least 50 people, and attempted murder against at least 50 more.

The only thing that will ever stop such a soulless and evil human being is a human being, or human beings, who have become resolute in their right to armed self-defense that then practice that right at the correct time.

Here at Connecticut Carry, our hearts go out to the victims and the families of the victims in Orlando, as we once again reaffirm and renew our fight to resist the State of Connecticut's attempts to disarm our good people. We employed that resistance during this legislative session, through the legislative process. This session, one of the bills we resisted was SB 20, which was a bill that reduced

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Connecticut Carry is dedicated to advancing and protecting the fundamental civil rights of the men and women of Connecticut to keep and bear arms for defense of themselves and the state as guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Connecticut.

the legal Blood-Alcohol limit while carrying a self-defense firearm to .08 instead of the historical .10. That is a rather significant encroachment for anyone that wants to go out and have a good time, enjoying alcohol, but also wants to be able to defend themselves. An arbitrary number means the difference between 'legal' and 'illegal', but only if you are in possession of the means to defend yourself.

The Orlando massacre showcases another example of how the Connecticut legislature is working to make Connecticut residents less safe under the guise of 'public safety'.

*“Just because you want to go out and imbibe alcohol, does not mean that you should somehow lose your right to defend yourself or find yourself a helpless victim of a mass murderer. The lost and injured individuals in Orlando deserved better, and the residents of Connecticut deserve better. Shame on anyone that would disarm a person that has not infringed upon the rights of another person.” - **Rich Burgess – President, Connecticut Carry***

