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### The Sandy Hook Elementary School Tragedy

*Discussions to be had in the wake of such a tragic catastrophe*

**Hartford, Connecticut, 12/19/2012:**

In the wake of the horrific tragedy that fell upon the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut Carry would like to offer its deepest, warmest, most heartfelt condolences to the victims and the impacted. We have spent a great deal of effort and put our heart and souls into a belief that we hold very dear: To never see a human being that is left defenseless against the whim of a madman. It is hard to not feel failure when you see such a senseless tragedy befall so many innocent and defenseless lives.

We agree with Governor Malloy, "Evil visited this community". That is truly a simple and harsh reality we all need to face. Evil exists in this world. Evil people do evil things. We all like to think that it cannot happen to us, or that all people are good people. Certainly we want to think that even the worst monster could not do what was done in Newtown that morning. But this is not reality. Many people know this, many people may not. In Connecticut, we have approximately 170,000 pistol permit holders. This gives us an idea that at least the same number must recognize that evil is an inescapable fact of life and the human condition.

We had hoped that the politicians, the pundits and the usual talking heads in the media could have respected the victims and those impacted in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy and not tried to use it for political gain. Surely with the upcoming legislative session we could have frank and open debates about whether or not the inanimate objects used in this tragic crime were responsible for the actions of a madman. However, in the words of Rahm Emanuel: "You never let a serious crisis go to waste." We certainly saw examples all over the place of this when within hours of the event, every politico with an agenda had already come out to loudly profess his plan to penalize and take away the rights of the hundreds of millions of gun owners nationwide because of the incomprehensible and inexcusable actions of a madman. Surely some people crying out for the government to curtail rights might not know enough about the issue and are simply reacting to tragedy with an easy talking point, but it is without doubt that many are making political hay of a tragedy in a despicable manner.

Connecticut Carry stands firm in its convictions and mission statement to protect the right of the citizens in Connecticut to bear arms in defense of themselves and the state. In the emerging narratives arising from this crisis, we see story after story of heroic actions on the part of the teachers and faculty of Sandy Hook

Elementary School. One must wonder how the outcome of this tragedy could have been altered had the principal, psychologist and teachers who confronted the madman not been left defenseless while trying to protect such pure and precious dependants.

We have seen time and time again how the inane policies and fantasies of 'gun free zones' play out. We have numerous comparisons both recent and past that show marked differences between madmen who have free and unmolested access to disarmed victims and madmen who are confronted by armed citizens who are on the side of good.

We invite the media to continue to engage in the discussions concerning the right to bear arms in Connecticut and nationwide. We also ask that the media take the time to let both sides weigh in on the issue. Connecticut Carry will make itself available going forward to discuss in any venue necessary the right of the citizens of Connecticut to be able to defend themselves with the latest and greatest technology available to them.

This is an important discussion to have and we would be happy to answer questions, engage in debates and discuss the issues, facts and feelings provided the people across Connecticut impacted by this tragedy are respected.

*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.*

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