

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2015 3:55 PM
To: Maxine Grad
Subject: S 141

Dear Rep. Grad:

Vermont S141 has been has been voted on by the Senate, and as you know successfully “crossed” over to the House. Please support this important proposal, its provisions would include:

- (1) Prohibit felons, individuals convicted of a violent crime, from having guns. Vermont is the only state lacking a state statute to do this, we rely entirely on the Federal government to prosecute every weapons violation enforced by Vermont law enforcement officers, unfortunately due to limited resources, individuals illegally possessing firearms, might not be tried in a court of law.
- (2) Require courts to report to the National Instant Check System (NICS) the names of individuals who are judged to be a danger to themselves and others.
- (3) Study a “Gun Shop Project” like the current program in New Hampshire. This project, voluntarily invites gun shops to post information on the risks of firearm suicides. Nearly 50 percent of NH gun stores have been participating in the program for about the past four years.

This law will not eliminate firearm deaths, injuries and intimidations, but will certainly reduce their occurrence.

Sincerely yours,

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