

National Shooting Sports Foundation
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One would think that if Governor Malloy was truly interested in learning more about how Connecticut's firearms manufacturers work, how we comply with federal regulations, and the major programs that we operate to promote firearms safety, then he would have asked us to meet with him directly. Instead, we see a same-day press release about a roundtable discussion in Milford.

We rather suspect that the Governor sees a political advantage in publicly sparring with the firearms industry, rather than really bringing us into a conversation. On April 15, we sent a letter to Commissioner Schriro requesting a meeting to discuss Connecticut's new gun laws and the role of manufacturers (attached) and never received a response. Any topic could have been discussed at that meeting, of course.

The firearms industry runs several programs to promote firearms safety and prevent unauthorized access to guns including:

- **Don't Lie for the Other Guy**, an anti-illegal straw purchasing public awareness and retailer education program developed in cooperation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).
- **Matching rewards with ATF** for information leading to arrest for thefts for federally licensed retailers.
- **Project ChildSafe**, a 15-year-old nationwide program that promotes safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearm owners through the distribution of safety education messages and free firearms safety kits include a cable-style gun-locking device. Since 2003, the Project has partnered with local law enforcement agencies to distribute more than 36 million safety kits to gun owners in all 50 states and five U.S. territories.
- **FixNICS** is our initiative across the nation to increase the number of prohibiting records states submit to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background System (NICS), helping to prevent illegal transfers of firearms to those who are prohibited from owning firearms under current law. Including these missing records will help ensure more accurate and complete background checks.

The implication that firearms manufacturers and retailers do not actively engage in responsible practices to promote public safety is untrue and unfortunate.