

Rep. Ken Ito

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From: Chris Blanchard [mailto:blanchardce@earthlink.net]
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To: Rep. Cynthia Thielen
Subject: Re: FIREWORKS

Representative,

Black powder is used in homemade pipe bombs and other types of elementary bombs. However, "bundling" of firecrackers provides the same explosive potential as a similar amount of raw explosives, so legislating gun powder use is but one problem to address. Further, people can remove the powder from legal fireworks in order to create far more powerful explosive devices than the manufacturers intended. Unfortunately, the internet provides instructions to people interested in doing just that.

One of the simplest forms of homemade bombs is the dry ice bomb, which I have seen used in my neighborhood. The noise of these dry ice bombs can exceed the noise produced by more conventional explosives. I know that California prohibits the use of dry ice bombs, and I suspect the same is true for other states.

Perhaps limiting the purchase of fireworks to December 31 decrease the negative impact of New Year's Eve and the weeks leading to it on our environment, our pets, and our nerves. Another suggestion is to tax the habit out of existence.

Thank you for taking up this matter. I suspect your level of frustration in the House exceeds the frustration of your constituents who seek and end to the New Year's Eve madness. Please contact me if you would like me to assist in garnering public opinion on this matter. I just moments ago sent an email to over a dozens friends asking that they contact their elected leaders.

Very respectfully,

Chris