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Re: Senate Bills Raised 603 and 607

To the judiciary committee –

I rise in strong opposition to Senate Bills Raised 603 and 607. The first is an act concerning the coding of ammunition, which is a de facto ban on all ammunition for virtually all firearms. The second raised bill concerns the identification of certain firearms, and a de facto ban on the transfer of firearms save for antiques.

Last year, I rose in opposition to gun legislation before the Public Safety Committee with a similar intent. I indicated that not only does the lawful use of firearms prevent 2 million crimes every year, but that my own wife would not be with us today were it not for the lawful use of a firearm. Many of us also pointed out that the US Constitution indicates that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"

The Federalist Papers and the founding fathers themselves were equally clear on the necessity of an armed citizenry. I could provide thousands of examples ad nauseum. Because Senator Looney cannot read, I will reiterate many of these examples again. Perhaps you, the reader, can inform Senator Looney of what great men have said, and what they intended when they wrote the US Constitution –

"Americans have the right and advantage of being armed- unlike the citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."  
James Madison

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in Government."  
Thomas Jefferson

"I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people, except for a few public officials."  
--George Mason, 3 Elliot, Debates at 425-426.

"The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed."  
-- Alexander Hamilton, The Federalist Papers at 184-188

Patrick Henry, "The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able might have a gun."  
3 Elliot, Debates at 386.

The beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it.  
--Thomas Jefferson.

And finally, a word from someone who understands the need for firearms first hand. He was in a concentration camp –

**"These Sarah Brady types must be educated to understand that because we have an armed citizenry, that a dictatorship has not happened in America. These anti-gun fools are more dangerous to Liberty than street criminals or foreign spies."  
-Theodore Haas, Dachau Survivor**

Allow me to call the committee's attention to Article 6 of the US Constitution. It tells us that "The Senators and Representatives before mentioned and the members of the several State legislatures and all executive and judicial officers both of the United States and the several States, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support this Constitution..."

For cosponsoring raised Senate Bills 603 and 607, Senator Martin Looney has perjured his oath. I first move to have Mr. Looney ejected from the state senate and placed under arrest for committing perjury. According to the general statutes, Sec. 53a-156, perjury is a Class D Felony. Senator Looney has previous awareness of the US Constitution, specifically the second amendment. He has nonetheless engaged in the infringement of this civil right of the citizens of Connecticut.

Further, this right stands regardless of whether he would argue that it is a collective or an individual right. Should he go with the previous, he should be informed that most of the citizenry is classified as disorganized militia under US Code, as follows –

Title 10, Subtitle A, Part 1, Chapter 13 § 311. Militia: composition and classes:

"(a) The militia of the United States consists of all able-bodied males at least 17 years of age and, except as provided in section 313 of title 32, under 45 years of age who are, or who have made a declaration of intention to become, citizens of the United States and of female citizens of the United States who are members of the National Guard.

(b) The classes of the militia are—

- (1) the organized militia, which consists of the National Guard and the Naval Militia; and
- (2) the unorganized militia, which consists of the members of the militia who are not members of the National Guard or the Naval Militia."

I should add that the Connecticut Constitution, Article 1, Section 15 states:

"Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state."

Further, any peace officer in Connecticut enforcing Senate Bills 603 and 607 would also be guilty of perjury. This is exactly because the US Constitution limits you, the legislature, from passing laws that violate unalienable rights. That makes anyone who passes or enforces a law against the right to bear arms equally guilty as someone who passes a law against habeas corpus without a rebellion or an invasion. Senate bills 603 and 607 are right up there with violations of due process, eminent domain, national ID cards and DCF stealing children without a court order. These bills are also right up there with your complete lack of objection to the abuse of our national guard and the destruction of our dollar.

Despite state and federal violations of our rights, wholesale ones at that, there hasn't been a single word of objection from any of you people. No action has been taken to defend our liberties on your part. By that token, you should all be taken into custody or at the very least, resign in complete disgrace. You have failed miserably with the tasks we the people have set before you. I would argue that you should all be in jail for even proposing something like Senate bills 603 and 607.

Senate bills 603 and 607 are nothing less than political treason against the will of we the people, the very source of your legislative privileges. And you, the legislature, take advantage of working people trying to keep up with the massive cost of living you have helped create by passing rotten bills just like 603 and 607 by slipping them by while they slave away for your pet programs and the infringement of their rights.

What you are doing is not about disarming criminals. It's about following madmen like Stalin, Hitler and Mao along nearly identical lines and justifications. And the road to hell is paved with

good intentions. If our current legislature was complicit with its constituents being loaded onto cattle cars and sent off to mass execution, it would be telling us that we're going on vacation.

Going further, the legislature's servile attitude toward the basic fundamental rights of its constituents ruins lives every day. Real criminals laugh at every attempt you make to disarm us as they run free. We told you "no" last year. Clearly, you will not stop until every facet of our lives and our economy is so over regulated that we need a permit for everything.

It is time for your hands to be off our guns, our churches, our children, parents that home school and just about everyone else that is minding his or her own business and harming no one else. You do not have the authority to order arbitrary searches, theft of guns, infringement of property rights and any other unconstitutional activity on the level of Senate bills 603 and 607.

We are a republic. That means there are some things you do not get to vote on.

Personally, I've had it. I personally no longer trust you or your agencies. If any representative of the state or its agencies attempts to enter my property or my home, I will promptly instruct them that they have 30 seconds to leave.

The more you push people, the more they will challenge you. If your desire is to set the will of the people against you, by all means, keep making a run on their liberties. Just don't ask what happened when everyone is broke, no one trusts you and all of you are out of office.

Most Sincerely,

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