

Joint Committee on Judiciary
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Re: S. 603 & S.607

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Steven Loban and I reside in Naugatuck, CT. I am writing today in opposition to Bill # S.603 and S.607 The so called "micro stamping" bills for ammunition and handguns respectively.

The proposed legislation will not make us safer, nor aid law enforcement in their efforts to investigate crimes. Micro stamping is a failed technology that is easily defeated. In fact, this legislation is often referred to as the "sandpaper" bill since that is all one would need to defeat the technology with respect to firearms.

It is significant to note that in other states such as Maryland, similar bills have failed.

With regard to ammunition, micro stamping would only serve to:

- A. Drive the prices of ammunition higher for law abiding citizens, or result in ammunition being unavailable at all.
- B. Create an even wider and unenforceable black market for existing ammunition lacking micro stamps for criminals
- C. Increase the threat to the Public Safety by encouraging criminals to commit more burglaries in order to obtain older firearms and ammunition and
- D. Make instant criminals out of potentially hundreds of thousands of State residents who, prior to such legislation were legally possessing firearms and ammunition, will be unaware or simply not comply with the directive in Sec. B. of S.603 that requires, "Any private person...in possession of (non micro stamped) ammunition.." to dispose of such ammunition by Jan. 1, 2012.

Criminals are already using thousands of untraceable firearms and there are literally billions of rounds of ammunition of all calibers and styles that are commonly used in both long guns and handguns available in the country from both legal and illegal channels. These bills accomplish nothing for public safety and will result in a "de facto" ban on legitimate firearms ownership and use, which is unacceptable and contrary to both the US and Connecticut State Constitutions.

Finally, why is the Judiciary Committee exceeding the realm of its legislative domain by raising firearms bills? Should not the Judiciary Committee be concerned with sentencing guidelines for criminal acts, instead?

I urge the Committee to withdraw this unconstitutional and counterproductive legislation and focus instead on the enforcement of existing laws and sentencing for criminal activity, for which the Committee would find great need and public support.

Thank you,

Steven Loban