

Judiciary Committee
Hartford Connecticut
March 16th 2009

Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Jennifer Churchill, and I would ask that you **oppose SB 353 An Act Concerning Microstamping.**

This bill will do little to stop or solve crimes. **Most criminals who use guns, get them through unregulated channels.** According to the BATFE, 88% of crime guns are acquired through unregulated channels, and the median time between a crime gun's acquisition and its use in crime is 6.6 years. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, most criminals get guns via theft or the black market.

Micro-stamping may increase gun thefts, home invasions and other burglaries, and expand the black market in guns. Criminals will be further encouraged to get guns illegally, if they believe that guns bought legally will be linked to them in a computerized database.

This legislation will have a direct negative impact on my family, as my husband works for a firearms manufacturer. The company potentially could be forced to expend large sums of money attempting to comply with the legislation, or they could be forced to close the plant entirely. In this current economy, this legislation will harm employees, and I feel this is irresponsible on the part of legislators.

Again, I hope you will OPPOSE SB 353.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Churchill
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