

To the Senate Judiciary committee:

When it comes to protecting the people of the state of Connecticut, the government of our state has failed. The legislature continues to pass gun control bills which have been ineffective as proven by the rising crime rates in our cities. The geniuses in Hartford remain convinced that taking a firearm from a responsible owner in Litchfield county will somehow lower the murder rate in Hartford. They keep passing one lame gun control bill after another. Now we have SB 353, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MICROSTAMPING OF SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS. I liken this to the southern Democrats who passed Poll Taxes on minorities to infringe on their right to vote. You can't pay a poll tax, you can't vote. No micro stamping (which doesn't even exist yet) no guns. This amounts to a back door way to stop gun sales in Connecticut. Ask the Democrats, and they will tell you they have not stopped your right to own guns, but in reality, just like George Wallace, they are at the standing in the school house door denying law abiding citizens their constitutional rights.

How would the great Democrat George Wallace say it, Gun control now, Gun control forever. Why don't the Democrats in Hartford just raise up the flag of Dixie and be honest about denying a large portion of the citizens of our state their rights. They are bigots, consider all gun owners uneducated idiots, and look down on all of us.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, the same way, and expecting different results. There is a simple to stop crime. Keep violent offenders in jail. Our government has played with a 3 strikes and you are out law and not passed anything with any teeth. Just ask DR Petit. We have representatives who want to do away with the death penalty, and still infringe on the citizens constitutional right to own guns. And they are infringing, make no mistake about it The Democrats in Hartford want to get all the guns out of our state, but a little thing like the 2nd amendment of the US constitution (A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed) and article first, section 15 of the Connecticut constitution (Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state) gets in their way. So what do they do, introduce a new bill, SB 353. This bill, if passed, will effectively end the ownership of pistols in Connecticut. It will require any gun manufacturer who sells pistols in Connecticut to design a way for a pistol to imprint a micro stamp on a casing the gun ejects after firing. The bill requires this by January 1, 2011. No firearms manufacturer currently has the technology to build a pistol to do this. Nor will they by 2011. People will not be able to buy new pistols, and those having old pistols, will not be able to transfer them to family, friends or to trade them in on a new pistol. These old design guns will have to be destroyed. Just like the George Wallace Democrats in Hartford want.

It is simple really. Anyone who shoots at a public range and does not pick up the ejected shells from their pistol runs the risk of having someone else pick up these shells and drop them at the scene of a crime. There is no way to stop this. And any criminal using a revolver instead of a pistol, will not have micro stamped shells. It will be like identity theft.

I am respectfully asking the Judiciary committee to kill SP353.

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Just for your information:

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ARTICLE FIRST.  
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SEC. 15. .Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state

The State Legislative Judiciary Committee in a public hearing on March 16, 2009 is considering bill number SB 353, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MICROSTAMPING OF SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS.

(e) On and after January 1, 2011, no person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer any semiautomatic pistol at retail unless such semiautomatic pistol is designed and equipped with a microscopic array of characters that identify the make, model and serial number of the pistol in two or more places on the interior surface or internal working parts of the pistol and that are transferred by imprinting on each cartridge case when the pistol is fired, provided the Attorney General certifies that the technology used to create the imprint is available to more than one manufacturer unencumbered by any patent restrictions. For the purposes of this subsection, "semiautomatic pistol" means a pistol the operating mode of which uses the energy of the explosive in a fixed cartridge to extract a fired cartridge and chamber a fresh cartridge with each single pull of the trigger.