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To members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary:

I am Sally F. Balukas and I live at 296 Mile Hill Road, Tolland, Connecticut.

As First Vice President of Rockville Fish and Game Club's eight hundred members, an active member of the four-hundred member Fin,Fur,Feather Club of Chaplin, and a founding member of Connecticut Trappers' Association, I respectfully ask that you oppose Senator Looney's Bill#353.

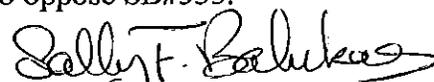
Micro-stamping is an unproven technology that, as demonstrated in testimony at last year's hearing, can be easily disabled with a common household file or a stone .Because of this and because criminals rarely use legally acquired firearms, it has no public safety value.

As a retired Connecticut public school teacher I took up target shooting as an activity I could enjoy well into my later years. If SB #353 is passed it will mean my semi-automatic pistols are illegal to sell or transfer to my husband or children. Any new semi-automatic I might like to buy to improve my scores would be

- a. prohibitively expensive since companies would have to have new machinery in place to produce them, and
- b. unavailable because currently incorporate micro-stamping in their firearms.

Colt Manufacturing testified at last year's hearing that they would be forced to move their operation out of state if this legislation were to pass. That would mean the loss of some 450 jobs in an economy which can not afford to lose of any.

For all these reasons I urgently ask you to oppose SB#353.


Sally F. Balukas