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Representative Gerald M. Fox, Co-Chairman
Room 2502
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Representative Fox:

I am writing in opposition to proposed Connecticut legislation HB 1094, an act banning firearm magazines that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition. HB 1094 would decrease jobs in Connecticut, decrease tax revenue and increase cost to all taxpayers. Connecticut cannot afford to lose these jobs.

This act will drastically impact the numerous firearms companies in Connecticut and across New England. Please consider the current Connecticut employees working at Ruger (New Haven, CT), Mossberg (North Haven), and Colt (West Hartford, CT). There are several magazine manufacturers in Connecticut including C Products, Mec-Gar, OKAY Industries and Metalform. This act will make it impossible for these companies to manufacturer and serve the commercial market. Jobs will be lost at these companies if this bill becomes law.

In addition to these manufacturers, Smith & Wesson (Springfield, MA) has many significant suppliers, including 10 of our top 30 suppliers that are located in Connecticut and employee numerous residents. Jobs will be lost at these companies that provide 1,240 jobs for Connecticut residents:

Tri-Town Plastics	Deep River, CT	Forestville Manufacturing	Bristol, CT
The Robert E. Morris Co.	Windsor, CT	Liberty Coatings	East Berlin, CT
Traditions	Old Saybrook, CT	Mec-Gar	Oxford, CT
Connecticut Spring & Stamping	Farmington, CT	Microbest	Waterbury, CT
Precision Resource	Shelton, CT	Electro-Tech Inc.	Cheshire, CT
SSI Manufacturing	Bristol, CT	Superior Plating Co.	Southport, CT
Conn Pkg Materials	South Windsor, CT		

Finally, this bill will cost all taxpayers in Connecticut money as they will have to pay for the extraordinary process of having police confiscate, from law-abiding citizens, the millions of magazines in the state.

In order to save jobs, maintain the tax revenue base and save money for the state of Connecticut, we urge you to oppose this legislation which would ban magazines that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition.

Sincerely,

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