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Honorable Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Scott Wilson and I am the current President and a founding member of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League. We are 2nd Amendment Rights Organization serving gun owners in our State. I am testifying on two Bills today:

**S.B. 1094** "An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines"

**S.B. 1210** "An Act Concerning The Use Of Deadly Physical Force To Defend The Residents Home"

**I Oppose S.B. 1094:** Aside from the Unconstitutionality of the Bill via the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. This Bill if passed would be an affront to law abiding tax paying citizens of this State.

Two recent incidents in my hometown of New London illustrate the legitimacy of magazines containing over ten rounds: On October 29<sup>th</sup> 2011, Mathew Chew was walking home from his job. He was attacked, beaten and stabbed to death by a gang of six individuals.

On January 16<sup>th</sup> of this year, Bill Dumas was attacked walking to his car from a coffee shop by at least seven attackers. In this case, after being hit on the head with an object the victim managed to barely escape into a pub on State Street. The victim had to physically hold the door shut while his attackers tried to pry the door open to come in after him. (The New London Day)

Though neither of these individuals carried firearms, these incidents point to the fact no one can be certain when, where or in what form a violent and potentially life ending attack may come. Upstanding, law abiding citizens of this State should be allowed to decide not only whether or not to carry a firearm, but also be able to decide the appropriate number of cartridges for defensive purposes they feel comfortable with. There is no definitive formula for the number rounds necessary by as few as one individual, let alone instances with multiple attackers.

One of the last things a law abiding citizen wants, while minding their own business, is to face a potentially life threatening situation. Elected officials voting yeah or nay on an issue they most likely will never encounter eliminates the option of choice made by individuals faced with criminal activity which may result in their death.

**I Support S.B. 1210:** Any legislation giving proper benefit of doubt to a law abiding citizen is a good thing. I also feel that the language should be strengthened to protect Citizens who use deadly force from civil penalties, given a self defense incident is deemed appropriate. No one should face lawsuits or any public stigma that goes along instances such as these. Keep in mind that anyone that has to use deadly force to defend themselves will more than likely have plenty of other personal matters to deal with afterwards.

I thank this committee for listening and careful consideration of my testimony,

*Scott Wilson*  
*President*  
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Every citizen has a right  
to bear arms in defense  
of himself and the state.