

Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am a firearms owner, target shooter, ambulance and cat shelter volunteer, electronic technician and citizen of this proud state.

My comments relating to H.B. 1094 are as follows:

The atrocities committed in our society using firearms have been by criminals or those with mental instability such as, Loughner in Tucson, Arizona, Cho in Virginia Tech, Hasan in Fort Hood, or Thornton in Manchester, Connecticut. These murders occurred due to a lack of communication between authorities, as in the Loughner case, failing to discipline, failure to refer to counter intelligence officials, discipline him, or remove him from service as in the Hasan case, or not informing Virginia Tech of Cho's previous mental problems due to Federal Privacy Laws, and Virginia Tech's failure to notify police authorities of his mentally unsound behavior while as a student at school before his expulsion.

The federal Lautenberg McCarthy law effective from 1994 to 2004 ban on magazines holding more than 10 rounds was a dismal failure according to a congressional mandated study while the law was in effect. Since the ban expired in 2004 the murder rate has dropped 10% continuing a long time decline that began in 1991. The 2009 murder rate was at a 45 year low and FBI statistics reported the murder rate fell 7% in the first half of 2010.

Most felons acquire their firearms and magazines from illegal sources, and these criminals have no regard for the law. Most importantly, referring to self defense. Private citizens and police choose magazines that hold more than 10 rounds as that greatly improves good peoples' odds in defensive situations which may involve multiple assailants.

These facts are but a few of the reasons for MY OPPOSITION TO H.R. 1094, and please vote accordingly.

Thank You for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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