

Smith, Michael

From: Brad Poland [bradpoland@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 9:20 PM
To: Smith, Michael
Subject: Opposition to SB 1094

Dear Mr Smith,

I would like to voice my opposition to the raised SB No. 1094 Proposed ban on large capacity magazines. This proposed bill would make law abiding marksmen like myself felons for owning magazines holding more than 10 rounds. This very disturbing to say the least. Magazine capacity bans such as those in California have nothing to reduce crime or increase public safety. As a matter of fact, during the federal assault weapons ban (AWB), 1994-2004, which banned large capacity magazines, crime increased as did homicides and we all remember North Hollywood in 1997 and Columbine in 1999. Both of these events occurred during the federal AWB and the perpetrators did not follow the law. This is typical, criminals don't follow the law! The proposed magazine ban would only handicap the law abiding firearm owning citizens in CT.

In addition, enforcement of this proposed law would be costly, something the State of Connecticut cannot afford. I urge you and the Judiciary Committee to oppose this bill and not make law abiding firearm owning citizens felons for owing magazines holding more than 10 rounds.

Unfortunately, I will not be in attendance at the public hearing due to prior commitments, but again I urge you to oppose this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dr. Brad Poland
126 E Hebron Tpke
Lebanon CT 06249
860-642-4117