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Dear Joint Committee on Judiciary,

I'm writing this letter today to show my support of SB 1210 and STRONG opposition of SB 1094.

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1094. This bill does nothing but turn law abiding gun owners into criminals if they don't turn in their LEGALLY purchased magazines with a capacity of greater than ten rounds. There is no connection with magazine capacity and severity of shooting crimes. Limiting the magazine capacity does nothing to make a firearm less dangerous. This bill casts a negative shadow over the lawmakers in CT as it easily interpreted as a "knee jerk" reaction to the horrible event in Tuscon,AZ. This bill will also cost gun owners substantial loss of money to be forced to turn in their "high capacity" magazines as replacement costs average around \$25.00 each. Also, will the State of Connecticut reimburse these gun owners for their property? Furthermore, what will enforcing this bill cost the taxpayers of this state? To what end? As a NRA instructor, I feel bills of this nature will turn away citizens seeking pistol permits, thus limiting income potential for instructors and permitting fees to the State of CT.

Bills of this nature only hurt law abiding citizens, as criminal truly don't care about the laws and will obtain high capacity magazines illegally.

Respectfully,

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

Connecticut State Constitution, Article First, Section 15