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To whom it may concern,

I am urging you to oppose SB 1094. This legislation will negatively affect tens of thousands of law abiding Connecticut residents by making them Class D felons. Criminals willing to use firearms in an act of aggression against another person will not stop to consider whether the magazine currently in their gun will get them in trouble.

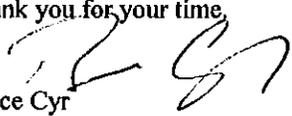
Magazines greater than 10 rounds are very common and the unilateral ban of magazines with a capacity higher than 10 rounds will criminalize many which do not have a restricted capacity alternative, such as collectors items, historic curios, and relics.

Many shooting sports events utilize unrestricted capacity magazines in the course of the sport. Restricting the magazine capacity of the participants will negatively affect the sport.

Unrestricted capacity magazines are widespread. Banning them will negatively affect many CT residents financially. Many lawful firearm owning CT residents have hundreds or thousands of dollars invested in equipment which is currently legal, and will be either become illegal and must be disposed of, or rendered useless because of a suitable replacement is unavailable. Requiring law-abiding citizens to dispose of a legal purchase for no significant reason is tantamount to robbery.

Several manufacturers of unrestricted capacity magazines currently reside in CT. banning the possession of these magazines will invariably affect the bottom line of these industries. CT is not in a financial position to arbitrarily hamstring firearms and accessory manufacturers. Restricted capacity magazines will not sell like their unrestricted counterparts, reducing profit and tax revenue. Placing the jobs of CT workers in jeopardy as a result of an ill-founded piece of legislation is not in Connecticut's best interest.

Thank you for your time,



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