

March 23, 2011

To: Judiciary Committee

Re: HB 1094

I grew up in a New Haven neighborhood where many of our parents and other relatives worked for Winchester Repeating Arms. On my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday my father presented me with a 22 caliber rifle that he had personally assembled. This rifle has a tube magazine that holds up to 20 rounds. HB 1094 will make me a felon if I don't turn in this beautiful firearm – which I have no intention of doing.

This brings me to another point. I've been a registered Democrat since 1973. For years I've resisted the urgings of many of my friends at the Fish & Game Club I belong to, to shed my allegiance to the Democratic party. I'm starting to reconsider. Why? Mostly it's because it's almost always a Democrat who sponsors zany bills like HB 1094. Our law enforcement people have enough headaches. Do you really want to turn law abiding citizens into paranoid Jean Valjeans in order to give the appearance of doing something about crime?

While I'm sure that there are many legal and constitutional reasons to strengthen my argument against this ill advised bill, I have chosen to speak from my heart. My purpose is not to offend any of our legislators, but to remind them that many of us are the sons and daughters of honest and decent parents, grandparents and other relatives who worked at Winchesters, Marlin and Mossbergs. Many were gun owners and none of them were murdering thugs. Please do not pass House Bill 1094.

Thank you.

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