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Joint Committee on Judiciary
Room 2500, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: SB 1094, An Act Banning Large Capacity Magazines

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary,

I urge you to vote AGAINST SB 1094, An Act Banning Large Capacity Magazines.

The proposed bill before you, SB 1094, An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines, can best be described as a legislative enigma; that is, another set of proposed unnecessary laws in search of a cure to a problem which does not exist.

There has not been one set of statistical evidence showing the correlation of magazine capacity bans, and in Connecticut's proposed legislation, confiscation, with the decrease in crime simply because those who commit violent crimes do not stay current on what is lawful or not and have no interest in adhering to whatever laws are on the books. To allege that 'large capacity magazines' cause violent crime is as laughable as is saying that large dinner plates cause obesity. While minimal consideration is given to the state of mind of any given violent offender, in this part of the country, it appears that all focus is upon the weapon and its accessories the offender chose to use in order to have government 'fix' that problem.

Proposed confiscatory legislation like this does nothing except punish the law-abiding firearm enthusiast who has invested significant funds in specific items for a variety of lawful reasons, including sporting purposes, competition, and self defense while the criminals continue to do as they wish knowing that they will be given the opportunity to plea out to a lesser crime.

If this Committee is serious about reducing violent crime in their districts they would look towards enforcing the existing violent crime laws and punish those responsible to the fullest extent possible and not making their law-abiding constituents de facto criminals based upon their choice of recreational hobby.

It's best been said that governments need to stop overreacting to tragic situations and drawing arbitrary lines that infringe upon personal liberties and rights but do not address true problems. If American and World history have taught us anything, surrendering or confiscation of personal property by the State should never be applied without great reluctance and thought to the Citizenry at large and then only as a last resort. I urge you to vote AGAINST SB 1094 and any other legislation that would compel a law-abiding Citizen to surrender their personal property.

Respectfully,

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