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In regards to: Proposed SB1094

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to oppose Raised Bill SB1094. This draconian measure will affect gun owners and non-gun owners alike as all Connecticut tax payers will be forced to foot the bill for the extraordinary process of having police confiscate -- from law-abiding citizens -- the millions of magazines already in the state.

Arbitrarily limiting magazine capacity and threatening law-abiding gun owners with confiscation of their personal property and felony charges is beyond constitutionally illegal in my opinion. These magazines are utilized every day for home defense and the shooting sports. As part of the 1994 "Assault Weapons" ban, the production of higher capacity magazines was halted. This gun-control strategy soon proved to be a failure. A comprehensive study by the Centers for Disease Control -- hardly a pro-gun entity -- looked at the full capacity of gun-control measures, including this ban, and concluded that none could be proven to reduce crime. Another study, commissioned by Congress, found that bans were not effective since "the banned weapons and magazines were never used in more than a modest fraction of all gun murders." Since when do Criminal or those wishing to do harm really consider a law before breaking them....

Making matters worse, CT manufacturers including Colt, C Products, Mec-Gar, OKAY Industries and Metalform will be directly affected by this legislation. That means a loss of jobs and tax revenue to the state.

As a result of bringing this proposed bill forward I am urging all current and future gun owners, CT residents, sportsmen and hunters', friends and family to contact their state representative, senator and all members of the Judiciary Committee immediately and urge them to oppose this magazine ban. This is nothing more than feel good legislation that will do nothing to protect the citizens of this great State. It will take legally purchased personal property out of the law abiding citizens hands and further erode ones personal freedoms.

My representative are:

House Representative, Joseph Taborsak 109th District
Senate Representative Michael McLachlan 24th District

Best regards,
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