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From: Joe [jwarmus169850MI@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 7:44 AM
To: Smith, Michael
Subject: Public hearing on "high"capacity magazines - stop this bill

Mr. Smith,

I am writing to voice my concern over the bill to limit "high" capacity magazines. If this bill passes, **law-abiding gun owners** will have to begin surrendering their magazines by July, or face confiscation by the state police and a felony charge. Again, this proposal would not only ban the sale of these magazines, but would make simple possession a felony. Any gun owner found in possession of any magazine capable of holding more than 10 rounds will be in violation of this proposed law, *regardless of whether it was legally purchased.*

It is time to stop making felons out of law abiding citizens! This law will not stop a person committed to doing harm to, or stealing from others, since by that very intent, they show they are not willing to abide by the laws of society. This will endanger those of us willing to protect ourselves and our families from those individuals who choose to ignore the law.

Additionally, in this time of fiscal crisis, CT tax payers will be paying for enforcement and confiscation of the private property of law abiding citizens, in opposition to the second amendment.

Making matters worse, 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.

Limiting magazine capacity is an arbitrary measure. 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 looked at the full panoply 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."*

I also urge the committee to strongly support raised bill 1210 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE TO DEFEND THE RESIDENTS OF A HOME." Help law abiding citizens protect themselves from those that wish to do us harm.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph S. Warmus
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