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Dear Representative:

I am writing to express my disapproval of the fact that almost every year, we Connecticut voters and taxpayers have to take time off to come to Hartford and defend our Rights. And the threat to those Rights come from the very people we elect to protect our Rights.

The Declaration of Independence states that governments are instituted in order to secure our God-given Rights, and yet, it is our own elected officials who constantly undermine them. I am referring to Senator Meyer's latest assault on our Right to Keep and Bear Arms in the form of making felons out of the thousands of Connecticut citizens who own magazines holding more than ten rounds. According to Senator Meyer, the only reason for owning one of the magazines is "criminal purposes". So, I guess the Senator is calling thousands of our citizens "criminals".

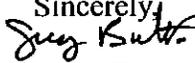
But the real reason for this bill is to further the effort to disarm the people of the state, and ultimately the American people. Whether it's about magazine capacity, branding specific firearms as "assault weapons" because they possess flash hiders and pistol grips, or demonizing specific brands of ammunition, the real goal is disarming the people.

It's unfortunate that there doesn't seem to be any downside to those who introduce or vote for bills like this. They never accomplish what they are supposed to do, but those legislators never have to answer for their actions. This latest insult would have Connecticut citizens turn in magazines that were perfectly legal, under threat of a class D felony. And for what? What would that accomplish?

Personally, I would like to see the legislature move to take action against individuals who turn dangerous criminals loose in order to kill again. I am referring to what happened a few years ago in Cheshire. Somebody released these criminals, but some in the legislature are more interested in undermining the very thing that could have prevented that horrendous crime, had the victims had a weapon handy.

I hope that sanity will prevail and legislators will seriously consider the ramifications of legislation before they enact new laws. We have too many laws now. We don't need any new laws. This nation has more people in jail than any other. But there doesn't seem to be any effort to put the small number of career criminals away for good.

Pretty soon, we will all be criminals. We will all be guilty of some crime. Because everything will be a crime. Every year, new laws are enacted, but few are repealed. Please use common sense and do not support this law, or anything like it

Sincerely,

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