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To Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary:

I am asking you to **OPPOSE H.B. 1094** - AN ACT BANNING LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES.

First of all – I take great exception to the statement made by Sen. Meyer at the Connecticut Bar Association Seminar on Firearms Law at the Quinnipiac University School of Law, where he stated that the only reason to have 'high' capacity magazines is "for criminal purposes." I own magazines that hold more than 10 rounds – do I look like a criminal Senator Meyer? Do you believe that I will commit a crime with those magazines? How do you know this and how can you make that assertion? Your statement is absolutely and patently false. I have no intent to use my firearm for criminal purpose no matter how many rounds my magazines hold. I'd like to know why you believe otherwise.

Besides the fact that this bill is unconstitutional because it clearly falls under the definition of an ex post facto law, I would like to point out something just as troubling.

This knee jerk "feel good legislation" does nothing to prevent crime. Exactly how do you think this is going to deter crime? Can you tell me how many gun crimes committed in Connecticut are with legally owned firearms? You need to understand that criminals do not obey your laws. That's what makes them criminals. Why do you continue to attempt to give them more advantages than law abiding citizens like me? With this law they will have access to magazines that hold more than 10 rounds and I will not. You are taking away a means for my self defense if the situation, God forbid, ever arises. Can you sleep with that?

Do you know the reason why people have magazines that hold more than 10 rounds? It is most likely because the firearm is designed to use that type of magazine. It is also that with certain target practice drills it makes sense to use that type of magazine. More importantly, it has been my right to own one as it is the right of firearms makers to produce and sell them.

Additionally, there is absolutely no way you will be able to enforce this legislation short of going house to house to search for magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. Will you be trampling on my 4th amendment rights as well? How will the state fund these useless and aberrant measures of having police confiscate, from law-abiding citizens, the millions of magazines already in the state? Will you be compensating people for rendering their guns which use higher count magazines useless?

So I'd like to know too, will you also immediately introduce a bill making it a Class D felony to own more than a set of 8 knives in your house? Or perhaps a pitch fork with more than two prongs? Or a car that has a gas tank that can hold more than 8 gallons of gasoline? Do you think that is silly? All of those items could be used as weapons (the last one mentioned could be used as a car bomb) – but you know and I know that law abiding citizens use them properly with harm to no one. The same goes for my magazines. I am not a criminal, and I have no intention of being one. I respectfully ask that you treat me as the responsible law abiding citizen that I am and **vote against these bills** that vilify law abiding firearms owners while they continue to erode our 2nd amendment rights.

Thank you for your time,
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