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OPPOSE S.B. No. 1094 An act banning large capacity ammunition magazines

Senator Coleman, Representative Fox, Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Kevin Holian-Borgnis. I am the Secretary for the Connecticut Citizens Defense League, a gun rights group within the State of Connecticut.

I urge you to oppose S.B. 1094 An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines. This ban will place a huge punitive and financial burden on law-abiding citizens in this state by forcing them to turn in, without compensation, any firearm magazine that has a capacity greater than 10 rounds.

Most of the magazines this bill will ban are not large capacity, but standard capacity. Here's what I mean: in 2006, the reference book Cartridges of the World stated that the 9mm round is "the world's most popular and widely used" cartridge. Many 9mm handguns come from the factory with magazines having a capacity greater than 10 rounds.

For example,

- Sig Sauer P226 - 15 rounds standard
- Beretta 92FS - 15 rounds standard
- Sig Sauer P229 - 13 rounds standard
- Beretta PX4 - 17 rounds standard
- Smith & Wesson M&P - 17 rounds standard
- Glock 19 - 15 rounds standard
- Glock 17 - 17 rounds standard

These are guns used by military and police personnel around the world. Many private citizens have chosen these or similar firearms to protect themselves and their families because of their wide availability and use. The ban on standard capacity magazines would force law abiding gun owners to purchase replacement low-capacity magazines.

If law abiding citizens fail to turn in their standard capacity magazines by the deadline, they can be charged with a felony for mere possession. Would the Department of Public Safety be required to review the thousands upon thousands of handgun transfers they have on record looking for potential felons? Will search warrants be issued and citizens homes raided?

There is no public safety benefit here. The only people being harmed are law abiding citizens. Criminals will remain undeterred. They will continue to illegally buy or steal guns and they won't turn in their magazines.

Thank you for your time,
Kevin Holian-Borgnis
Secretary, Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Inc.

Every citizen has a right
to bear arms in defense
of himself and the state.

Connecticut State Constitution, Article First, Section 16