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**Representative Gerald Fox  
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**Dear Representative Fox,**

**As a citizen and long time resident of Connecticut I wish you to know how strongly opposed I am to S.B. 1094, a ban on large capacity magazines for firearms.**

**With the passage of this bill you will be criminalizing a good segment of Connecticut's decent and upstanding citizenry for absolutely no purpose. Pass this bill and many of them will not even be aware they are now found criminals, some may ignore it, and another segment will move out of state to avoid it.**

**Actual criminals will of course totally ignore any high capacity ban, while welcoming it, as any gun control measure which calls for citizens to give up their gun rights enables a criminal to further his aims.**

**This ill conceived measure will do nothing to lower crime or protect Connecticut citizenry. A person with three ten round magazines may work them almost as fast as a thirty round magazine. In the Virginia Tech massacre the deranged killer fired 174 rounds and reloaded many times, spending hours going from room to room. Would it have mattered whether he used ten round or fifteen round magazines?**

**If you insist on such feel good legislation would it not make better sense to make it an additional 15 year prison sentence for anyone caught in the commission of a crime while in possession of a high capacity magazine?**

**Would it occur to you that over fifteen hundred American citizens were killed by the use of a box cutter and misuse of an air craft. Eighty three New York City residents attending the HappyLand Social Club were murdered by the use of a pint of flammable liquid. That anyone with imagination and access to the internet could build a device with fertilizer and maim or kill hundreds in an instant. Would a high capacity ban have stopped the D.C. sniper or prevent the last school massacres or the Uni- bomber? How much reasoning would it take to understand it is not the device but rather the evil intent of a twisted mind.**

**Do you know how small a 15 round pistol magazine or twenty round rifle magazine is? Is it not possible if I owned six or eight of these which were quite legal for the past thirty years, that I might not have left one (unloaded of course) at my workbench or other place in my home without realizing it. What if one were discovered after I discarded mine in the belief I was obeying this ill advised legislation.**

**I am 64 years of age, 50 years in business, veteran of foreign wars, three children, supporter of my community.**

**Do you really want to make me an unwitting felon and send me to prison for ten years?**

**Is it possible for any Connecticut resident, who has possessed an item legally for many years, will suddenly, (within 90 days), in many cases without even knowledge of it, become a felon. This without any intention of breaking the law, a person who has led the life of a good and decent citizen.**

**Do you want to add yet to another exodus of decent, tax-paying Connecticut refugees to Texas, Florida or other states?**

**Please do not support such useless and damaging legislation.**

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**Realizing your schedule, I request you do not reply, but do *personally* read my communication to you over this very poor piece of proposed legislation.**

**Sincerely,**



**Lawrence B. Tirreno**