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## **Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Inc.**

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**Oppose Raised Bill 1094**

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Chairman Coleman, Chairman Fox and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Leonard Benedetto. I am a resident of Stratford and I am the Vice President of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League. We are the largest Grassroots Pro 2A organization in Connecticut with over 1300 members to date and I am testifying in

### **Opposition to:**

### **Raised Bill 1094**

### **AN ACT BANNING LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES**

If this bill passes, thousands upon thousands of law-abiding gun owners in this state will have to begin surrendering their magazines by July, or face confiscation by the state police and a felony charge!

How could you, our elected officials even consider a bill that would potentially turn law abiding citizens into FELONS?

During the 1994 "Assault Weapon" ban, the production of higher capacity magazines was stopped, under that law, at no time did I become a felon for my ownership of higher capacity magazines. I am a law-abiding gun owner with no criminal record, yet this Bill is trying to turn me into a criminal.

Nowhere in this Bill do I see where the state is going to compensate me or anyone else for our property, an act that I consider "THEFT" and criminal in itself. At least when the state confiscates property in "Eminent Domain" issues, a so called "Fair Market Value" is assigned to the property.

The money needed to implement such a confiscation will be nothing more than another drain on the honest tax payer. The state is in enough financial trouble as it is.

This Bill is nothing more than a Knee jerk reaction to a terrible incident in Tuscon, Arizona. If the CRIMINALLY INSANE shooter in that incident had chosen to use 10 round magazines, we may not be here discussing this Raised Bill at all or the Bill may have been written to say "No more than 5 rounds"

The true problem here, is that, our legislature is Raising Bills and proposed laws that will supposedly stop criminals, but criminals DO NOT follow laws.

The law-abiding citizen is being punished here.

Just because the manufacturer of my handgun picked the the number 13 for the amount of rounds that my magazine holds, now I will be a criminal for owning these magazines unless I turn them in, as for the criminal, I am sure that their magazines will not be turned in.

Just because the state of Connecticut will no longer allow the manufacture and ownership of these higher capacity magazines does not mean that any criminal that desires one will not be able to get one. Again I say criminals DO NOT follow laws.

In closing I ask you all to vote NO on 1094

Thank You

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

Connecticut State Constitution, Article First, Section 15