

My name is Marc Ruby from Hamden and I consider SB1094 an extreme, unconstitutional, anti-Second Amendment gun bill. SB1094 seeks to ban both pistol and rifle magazines that hold over 10 rounds. The focus should be on the illegal guns and the criminals. This bill paints as criminals all gun owners who value their Second Amendment rights. If someone is intent on committing a criminal act, it will not matter if he has 1 15-round magazine or 2 10-round magazines. This thinking is severely flawed and pure anti-gun.

Gun laws like this only affect the law-abiding gun owner. I do not understand such thinking as law enforcement knows full well where the bulk of these shootings and criminal acts take place. Even if these magazines were banned in Connecticut, they are readily available through mail order and surrounding states. Criminals will not be affected as usual.

I ask "What is the point of this bill?". As part of the 1994 Assault Weapons ban, the production of higher capacity magazines was halted. This gun control strategy soon proved to be a failure. There have been no mass shootings in Connecticut using such magazines to my knowledge. If both I and my family were attacked by multiple people in an invasion of my home, I would want as many shots as possible for defense. Do you remember the Cheshire home invasion?

Since 2004, when the Assault Weapons ban sunseted, most pistols and many rifles came stock with over 10-round magazines. So what is the law-abiding citizen to do now – throw away his prized handgun that he greatly values? Connecticut, being once known as the most prolific gun manufacturing state in the country, now has the distinction of being one of the most restrictive states as far as gun laws are concerned.

On the legal side, SB 1094 clearly violates the ex post facto law meaning you cannot sell a legal item one week and declare it illegal the next. I ask you to vote down SB 1094.