

Raised Bill 1094
Ban of Large Capacity Magazines
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Greetings:

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I apologize for being unable to attend this public hearing but am compelled to contact you to voice my strong opposition to this onerous bill.

If enacted to law, raised bill 1094 would ban the possession of any firearm magazine capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition. This proposal would do nothing to stop crime and further erodes my rights. As part of the 1994 federal "Assault Weapons" ban, the production of higher capacity magazines was halted. A comprehensive study by the Centers for Disease Control concluded that the ban did not reduce crime.

Citizens will have to begin surrendering their magazines without compensation or face confiscation and a felony charge, regardless that it was legally purchased. This, on its face, seems to violate Article 1 Section 9 of the United States Constitution that forbids Ex Post Facto laws from being enacted.

It is unfathomable to take private property with no reimbursement. These magazines are expensive and many would have to replace confiscated originals with costly lower capacity models.

Also, this measure will affect all tax payers by requiring funding of the confiscation effort and lost tax revenue from sales and manufacturing jobs eliminated. This proposal will hurt legal gun dealers in these already trying economic times because they will need to dispose of millions of dollars in inventory.

I respectfully urge you to oppose this measure along with any others that limit our rights.

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