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Re: Opposing the Raised Senate Bill No. 1094 – An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines

To all of the distinguished leaders in our community,

We are writing with regards to the Raised Senate Bill No. 1094 - An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines. We, as well as our families and friends, very strongly oppose this bill, or any version thereof, for the following reasons – to name a few:

- Logically, the malicious element in our community have neither in the past, nor will they in the future, adhere to any of these laws. This bill will only serve to punish law-abiding citizens, who not only respect the law, but also scrupulously guard it.
- Financially, the passage of this bill will deal a severe blow to many who already own this hardware, all the gun shops in Connecticut – curtailing their sales and repairs, and thus, all associated profit and state sales tax generation.
- Ethically, this bill's resolution to turn law-abiding citizens into felons overnight, for merely owning and not wanting to relinquish their legally obtained property is, frankly, unjust.
- Legally, the passage of this bill seems to conflict with what I've read in the U.S. Constitution's Article 1 Section 9, C.3, stating: "No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed" which, to my understanding, conveys that a law passed after the occurrence of an event or action (i.e. already legally obtaining and owning said hardware) that retrospectively changes the legal consequences of the event or action, shall not be passed. Additionally, raised SB 1094 constrains an already restricted Second Amendment in our cherished Constitution.
- Interpretationally, there seems to be a disconnect; a faulty syllogism – if you will, with regards as to what constitutes a "Large Capacity Ammunition Magazine". The rational thinking is, and always was, that if the magazine comes with a certain pistol, it is its typical capacity. However, if one so chooses, one can order an after-market magazine capable of holding many more cartridges than the typical capacity prescribed by the manufacturer.

Living in this great country of ours for the last twenty three years, after growing up in the middle east, had made us realize how wonderful, precious, and uniquely wise our system of government was designed to be. There is prodigious danger in altering the recipe by which our magnificent country was conceived. Please be meticulously careful when applying any revisions to our beloved constitution and vote against the Raised Senate Bill No. 1094. Protect our freedoms and protect yours.

Respectfully yours,

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