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TO: Joint Committee on Judiciary
Room 2500, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Raised S.B. No. 1094

As I cannot make the hearing on the above bill, here is my testimony as to why the bill should not go into law.

1. I have a number of handguns that are considered collectibles. If the magazines were disposed of as per this bill, it would considerably devalue the worth of my collection. In addition, this would include magazines from guns from WWII, such as the M1 Garand and M1 Carbine. Those, according to this law, would have to be turned in as well. Is this fair to my family if I should die and they are sold as part of my estate? What right does the state government have to impose such a monetary restriction as this on my family?

2. The bill provides for the exemption of those who serve, such as state and local police. Does this mean they too have to give up their "personally owned magazines"? There are a large number of officers that I personally know that own such guns, rifle and pistol, that use high capacity magazines. Shouldn't they turn in the magazines that are personally owned? What happens when they retire, or change jobs? Do they get to keep them under those circumstances?

3. What happens to dealers that sell guns with magazines that hold more than ten rounds? It means they can't sell them. The state is in dire fiscal straits as it is now, and this bill only serves to make money matters worse by decreasing the tax revenue. This will hurt the small businesses. Also, the state encourages Cabelas to come to do business here, now make it a nightmare by passing bogus legislation as this?

4. What criteria or data was used to propose this bill? Are there any hard statistics that prove banning the magazines will prevent crimes? Or, as usual, it is the whim of the "anti-gun" politicians?

5. What if I don't turn in my magazines? Will the DPS illegally "tap" into their records of my firearm transactions and use them against me? Will someone come to my door demanding I turn in the magazines? That someone in uniform who knocks on my door will probably be a friend of mine. Is that right, pitting friends against friends?

6. There have been other bills in the past that even your own DPS was against. A few years back it was the "Microstamping Scheme", the "Serial-numbered ammunition scheme", and this year "the Gun Registration scheme" (HB 5800), all of which the DPS stated would require more computer resources and manpower to facilitate, and wouldn't stop the criminals, and yet, politicians, such as Senator Looney and Senator Williams, choose to ignore their own state agency's input and waste taxpayers time and money proposing more laws which quite frankly, the criminal element will not obey anyway. The DPS testimony even stated criminals would not register their guns. As a matter of fact, Senator Looney wants to pass a law making less than an ounce of marijuana a misdemeanor. Worst yet, the new governor stated he'd sign it into law! This just encourages more dope use and more selling by the dealers! This is rational reasoning?

7. Enacting this bill into law will make thousands of innocent people criminals overnight. It would just encourage more criminal activity as a "black market" will certainly be created. Do you honestly think this bill will deter the law breakers if they are making money hand over fist selling "illegal" magazines?

8. Again, this is another proposed law that does not target the criminal element. It is nothing more than political grandstanding under the pretense of "public safety" by politicians which have their own agendas, that of which is ridding honest, trustworthy Americans of owning firearms.

9. Again, as I have exhaustingly repeated many, many times before, where are the proposed laws to make mandatory jail sentences for those who use a gun in the commission of a crime? Where are the laws that would make it easier for drug dealers and gang members to be arrested and put away for good? How about convicted gang members and drug dealers register their whereabouts, as what is currently done by sex offenders? Why is it people such as myself targeted and not the "bad guys"?

10. MOST crime is committed as a result of illegal drug trade, that is a fact, but the laws for illegal drug use and selling over the last forty years have eroded to the point where smoking and selling of marijuana is no big deal. We need to toughen laws against the law breakers, not make law breakers out of innocent people. Bill 1094, as well as other foolishly conceived bills, do just that; makes innocent people such as myself a criminal overnight with the stroke of a pen. When is this madness going to end?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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