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Dear Sir/Madam of the Connecticut Senate,

I am writing both on my part as well as the many tens of thousands of currently law-abiding citizens that you intend on turning into Felons that have virtually no rights, literally overnight. Connecticut Senate Bill 1094, the so called "high capacity magazine ban" is nothing more than feel-good legislation. Anyone who truly believes otherwise has not seen or heard the true statistics, and I'm writing to dispel some of the many false myths this Bill is based on.

A large part of this Bill comes from the tragic shooting of Gabrielle Giffords in January. Something I have heard and read countless times is that the shooter, Jared Loughner would not have been able to commit the massacre to the degree that he did if he had "low-capacity" magazines. The fact of the matter is, Jared Loughner knew days, maybe even weeks, earlier that he wanted to murder Gabrielle Giffords, which makes what he did premeditated and makes him a criminal.

Let's imagine that a few months before the Tucson shooting, that Arizona had passed the same bill we are discussing today. Jared, being a criminal who does not follow the law, first of all would not have turned in the so called high capacity magazines. Had he bought the gun after and it came with 10 round magazines, being a criminal he could have bought not only just 33 round magazines, but as many as he wanted. That's one major flaw in the thinking of this feel good law, that criminals don't follow laws, otherwise they wouldn't be criminals.

Another major flaw is the magazine capacity doesn't really matter. Let's say the entire country adopted this archaic bill, and the Police went to every single house that had a registered gun and seized every "high-capacity" magazine. In the shooting he could have simply reloaded. An average reload even with a newer shooter with some practice takes less than a half of a second, and can be much much faster with more practice. Two reloads and he could have fired the same number of rounds and it would be much easier to conceal the smaller magazines.

I have talked to several Police Officers from around the United States of America, and they all agree that this law will solve no problems, will stop no massacre from occurring, nor will it do anything beneficial. They all agree that it has several downfalls though. Including limiting ones ability to defend themselves, turning tens of thousands of now law-abiding citizens into Felons over night, as well as violate our rights granted to us by the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment can not have limits, just like the Supreme Court has decided the First Amendment can not have limits in Snyder vs. Phelps where Westboro Baptist Church protested at a US Soldiers funeral and the churches right to free speech and protest was upheld.

Another problem with this bill is the consequences of it being snuck into law. Many, and really closer to most, have not heard about a magazine bill being talked about in Connecticut. And I'm sure that had it gone into affect, they would have had no idea had I never said anything.

I spoke to several gun shops. I found out that on average a minimum of 80% of all firearms sold in Connecticut, would be considered "High Capacity" if this bill is passed. A small poll of people at local gun ranges and gun shops, I found that the 10% to 20% of law abiding firearm owners had heard of this Bill, and had I not informed them and this law was passed, they would have become Felons. From my research there are between a half million and three quarters of a million of gun owners in CT, 80% of that is 400,000 to 600,000 with "high capacity guns. Let's assume there is a huge increase in the percentage of people that find out about this Bill and a huge 50% find out and turn in their magazines. That leaves two to three HUNDRED THOUSAND Connecticut citizens that would become Felons."s.

Please take the many tens of thousands of currently law-abiding citizens into consideration, and vote NO to Senate Bill 1094. Thank you for your time.

Regards,
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*The numbers of citizens that would become felons was researched by myself and is my best guesstimate. The lowest percentage of Americans that are gun owners for a specific area that I could find was for the North East and was 22%, which from what I see is awfully low. And the most updated population count I could find was 3.5 Million from a couple years ago.