

Judiciary Committee
Hartford Connecticut

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Members of the Judiciary committee:

I have read this bill and feel that limiting the size of a magazine to 10 rounds will have no effect on crime. The majority of high capacity magazines are fifteen rounds, only five rounds more than the suggested ten rounds. This is an insignificant difference. If this were to become law, the handguns that have been designed for fifteen round magazines will have to function with a magazine with a weighted spacer to take up the extra space. This weight difference could cause a malfunction. I was a police officer for twenty five years in the Town of Newington.

During my career I became one of the Firearms Instructors for the Town and also an Armorer. It has been my experience that the size of the magazine in the firearms used today is not a determining factor when it comes to criminal activities. The "bad guys" will always find a way to bypass the law and the law abiding citizen will be penalized. We don't need more laws restricting firearms, we need more aggressive prosecution of offenders that use firearms in the commission of crimes.

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