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TO: Joint Committee on Judiciary

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SUBJ: Testimony on Raised S.B. No. 1094

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, I present to you my opinion and comments on the subject bill in hopes to persuade you to put this bill in its proper place; in the trash. I can only guess about the motivation to present a bad bill such as this.

There are no words to adequately express my opposition to this bill. It is ill conceived; poorly thought out. It tramples on the rights of law abiding citizens of Connecticut and does nothing to hedge against violent crime. There are two parts of this bill I want to highlight; the false premise that this bill will stop perceived future crime and the requirement for law abiding citizens to turn in their private property.

The premise that this bill will stop crime is false. I can only presume the horror in Arizona is what's motivating this bill but your reasoning and hope is false. Criminals are cowards that pray on the perceived weak. If you strip those of us who take the Constitutional right and responsibility to carry, in affect form a buffer of doubt against the criminals who would to harm to the weak. So when the criminal is on the hunt with their high capacity clips in their pistols, we will be in a perceived weak state and violent crime may increase. Do you REALLY THINK that just because you pass a law the criminals are going to give up their high capacity clips?!! REALLY?!! You know they won't because they have proven they don't obey existing laws.

The threat of facing a class D felony if we the law abiding citizens do not turn in our high capacity clips, which is legally our purchase private property is a disgusting Stalinist state threat! It is nothing but State Sponsored Theft! Are you going to pay us for our high capacity clips? There is nothing in the bill that states that and given the budget constraints, I doubt it. Ladies and gentlemen, this is an unenforceable law because you simply cannot stop the import

of high capacity clips via mail order or otherwise. To make myself clear, I would fully comply with the law but very grudgingly so.

This law must be allowed to die in committee because it is simply a bad bill that places the burden on law abiding citizens and cannot stop perpetrators from carrying the very item this law is meant to stop.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration

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