

Dear co-chair Honorable Eric Coleman, co-chair honorable Gerald Fox and members of the Judiciary committee: My name is Tim Rockefeller I live in North Branford, and I strongly oppose raised bill 1094 for various reasons:

- Firearm and magazine manufacturers may leave the state costing more CT jobs: CT has many gun and magazine manufacturers including C products in New Britain who sells 30 round magazines in virtually every gun store in CT.
- Many CT law abiding gun owners including myself have lots of magazines for various firearms that hold over 10 rounds. We would have to forfeit these and lose hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars. Almost every firearm used today carries magazines that hold over 10 rounds. Not only rifles but pistols as well. This bill would make them virtually useless. We would have to spend even more money in an economy when every dollar truly counts to buy new authorized magazines that hold less than 10 rounds, if they are even available. Many of these less than 10 round magazines aren't even common because almost every state doesn't have a law banning over 10 round magazines. If we can't find these less than 10 round magazines our firearm investments would be worthless and useless.
- The bill says "anyone who possesses a large capacity magazine shall be guilty of a class D felony" Simply owning a magazine should not make somebody a felon. I have owned various magazines for various firearms and I have never even received a parking ticket. Gun owners are the some of the most law abiding citizens
- I am a former US marine Iraq and Afghanistan veteran. I have safely been around firearms my entire life. I shoot almost every weekend at the New Haven Raccoon club and I wouldn't be able to compete the same way if this bill passes. Simply owning a product doesn't make somebody violent.
- When 30 round magazines were illegal from 1994 to 2004, crime wasn't any lower
- The majority of crimes are not committed by people with high capacity magazines, various statistics show smaller more easily concealable revolvers and pistols are used more common in crime. Plus people who break the law don't follow laws anyway, and they would be able to get 30 round magazines easily anyway. They can simply not hand in whatever they may have now, or buy magazines from a bordering state. This law would only punish law abiding citizens who actually follow laws.
- It is against the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution "a well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" and against Sec. 15 of the State Constitution "every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state" Many times hard core criminals have fully automatic weapons that have been against federal law since the 80s.
- I have taken law classes and one of the first things we were taught is a law should never be made based off emotion. I believe this bill is a knee jerk reaction to the shooting in Arizona. The fact is this law like most gun control laws will not reduce any crime. All it will do is hamper law abiding gun owner's ability to properly excersize their freedom