

**RE: In opposition- SB 1094 AN ACT BANNING LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION
MAGAZINES.**

I'm sorry but I cannot attend the hearing scheduled for SB 1094 on March 23rd. I would like to express my great concern and total opposition over SB 1094 regarding the Connecticut Magazine Ban. I have been a responsible gun owner for the past 19 years and have gone through all the proper training and carry a State of Connecticut Pistol permit. This bill only hurts the responsible gun owners who abide by the law and follow all the proper rules in gun ownership. By banning these magazines the State is only punishing us and does not go at the root of the problem, the *criminal*.

If someone is going to commit a violent crime using a gun, the ban will not stop this. Most of the crimes which involve a gun are from guns that were purchased illegally from the streets and this will continue to happen even if this bill passes. We need to focus more on the law enforcement aspect and get the bad guns off the street. The mere fact that this bill will go retroactive and include those who purchased these magazines in the past is totally ridiculous and irresponsible. Is the State going to reimburse everyone who turns in these magazines? We have many more important issues that are facing this State and we need to focus on that. I don't think this bill will do anything to reduce gun crime and it will only hurt the law abiding gun owners. Therefore, I hope you will vote against this bill and protect our rights under *Second Amendment* of the *United States Constitution*.

Sincerely,

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