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From: Blanchard, Deborah
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To: Smith, Michael
Subject: FW: Please do not enact the High Capacity Magazine ban.

From: Zachary Ninteau [mailto:zachary.ninteau@gmail.com]
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To: Smith, Michael; Blanchard, Deborah
Subject: Please do not enact the High Capacity Magazine ban.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I apologize for being unable to attend this public hearing but feel compelled to contact you to voice my opposition to the high capacity magazine ban bill.

Please do not support the banning of magazines above 10 rounds. It will do nothing to reduce gun violence, and is nothing more than ineffective posturing that serves to annoy firearms enthusiasts. Only well intentioned, law abiding citizens would comply with this proposed law. "High capacity" magazines also serve a valid purpose for target and sporting enthusiasts. Target shooters who pay for range access want to spend as little time as possible reloading magazines so they can spend more of the time they've paid for shooting their guns. Participants in sporting events such as three gun, IPSC and others require "high capacity" magazines to be competitive. Banning possession of these magazines for Connecticut residents would handicap participants when competing at an interstate level.

I understand the sentiment of those wishing to make Connecticut safer, but this legislation would likely cost more lives than it saves and would certainly infringe upon the freedoms and rights of law abiding, productive, responsible citizens.

Thank you for your time,
Zachary Ninteau, Lebanon CT.