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I am a veteran of the U.S. Navy. I served as an Aviation Electronics Technician. I also volunteered for the base auxiliary security force.

I was employed at Colt's Manufacturing Company as a Research and Development Test Coordinator. My responsibilities included auditing current firearm designs as well as testing new designs and materials as well as demonstration of Colt products to military and civilian customers. With this position I was also a certified range officer at Fort Devans Ma, coordinator of the Colt's 30-yard test range as well as liaison to the staff at the State Police range in Simsbury CT.

I am The 3rd Vice President and Member in good standing at Rockville Fish and Game Club. NRA certified Range Safety Officer as well as an instructor in the following disciplines. Home Firearms Safety, Basic Pistol, Personal Protection in the Home, Basic Rifle and Basic Shotgun.

***Bill SB-42: Gun Safety Standards for Firing Ranges.**

I strongly oppose this bill. As a Certified Range Safety Officer I realize and support the realization that safety rules are not only beneficial, but also necessary at ALL range facilities. I can relate to you from experience that every range I have been to, both public governmental AND private, have proven safety practices in place. These practices are based on decades of experience of millions of firearms users, range operators and Firearms instructors. In my experience there is very little variation in the Basic procedures for safety and cleanliness between the MANY ranges I have been privileged to visit. Any differences you will find are changes to accommodate specific requirements or needs of the facility they serve. Due to these differences in facilities it would be impossible to legislate a Blanket set of standards for all. **If the intent is to create a minimum standard of safety for ranges it already exists and BEFORE you interject your will YOU HAD BETTER CONSULT EXPERIENCED PEOPLE AND PERFORM YOUR DUE DILLIGENCE AND RESEARCH THE TOPIC.**

I feel that you will find safety is a TOP PRIORITY at all ranges.

***Bill HB-5800: Required Registration of All Firearms.**

I strongly oppose this bill. This is not a Bill for a FREE society. This is what would be expected from Tyrants to control and harass subjects, not protect the Citizens. This bill will do NOTHING to curb OR ebb crime. It will just turn law abiding citizens into criminals. As a law abiding firearms owner, every time the Legislature comes up with a new GUN CONTROL bill I feel like a criminal, not a CITIZEN. These bills that come up DO NOT hamper or impede criminals in the slightest. All they do is make it more difficult for CITIZENS who obey the laws to hunt, sport shoot and protect themselves.

***Bill HB-5800: Required Registration of All Firearms continued.**

IF AND WHEN you can make all the Criminals register THEIR firearms you may be able to curb crime but I do not see that happening anytime soon.

This bill must be an old one that is being revived or whoever wrote it is not up on current statutes. The bill state that if it is passed firearm owners have 10 days to report stolen or lost firearms. Section 53-202g of a current statute states that there is only 72 hours to report such a thing. THIS PROVES to me that these bills are just thrown together WITH NO ATTEMPT AT research, just to harass law abiding citizens.

MONEY being hard to come by these days the Legislature must come up with a way to PAY for this if the bill is wrongly adopted, WITHOUT sticking their fingers DEEPER into the CITIZENS POCKETS. This type of bill was passed in Canada for just long guns and it would cost over \$3million just for that back in 2006. I am sure it would be MUCH MORE now and even MORE when you add ALL gun.

There is already a federal method of tracking Firearms in place and used successfully every day. This method will have to be used as a supplement to the NEW OPRESSIVE method the legislature is proposing.

MP Wayne Easter of The Canadian legislature said it well. He said, "I do not favor a gun-control system that makes criminals of farmers and hunters.

Canadian Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan has said, "Canadians don't need another report to know that the "long" gun registry is very efficient at harassing law-abiding farmers and outdoors enthusiasts, while WASTING TAXPAYERS DOLLARS."

***These bills will only increase the already increasing Harassment and burden on people who OBEY the laws and will do nothing to stop or even slow down criminals (even stupid ones).**

They will NOT reduce or prevent crime and only hurt Firearms Manufacturers, Retailers and law-abiding citizens. They will strain the already financially strapped state that we call home and may cause even MORE businesses to abandon this state.

As a Veteran, a law abiding gun owner and a proud citizen of this country I ask that, before considering future firearms legislation you educate yourselves. Technologies like these should be thoroughly researched, tested and proven beyond a reasonable doubt **before the government takes any action.** They should be proven to stop or reduce crime greatly **WITHOUT** reducing law-abiding citizens right to self-defense and ability to enjoy shooting sports.

Thank you

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