

Honorable members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

My name is Brian Corbino, and I live in Southington. I am a small business owner, and would like to express my concerns with several of the bills before this committee today.

I have come to oppose **SB505, SB506, SB1071 and SB1076.**

Since time is short, I will not delve into the particulars of each bill, but suffice it to say that they are all some combination of unwise, ineffective, illegal or counter-productive.

We are told that the goal of all of the various commissions, panels, and investigations is to prevent future atrocities like the one in Newtown. And yet no candid analysis of these bills allows for any such conclusion. Nothing proposed would have had any impact whatsoever on Newtown, nor would it have prevented attacks like those in Aurora or at Virginia Tech.

What they will do, however, is push jobs out of an already sinking economy. Jobs and commerce that Connecticut can ill afford to lose. Before you reply with the common retort of "If it saves just one life", recall what I just said. Manufacturers like Colt's Mfg. and Stag Arms have indicated that they may leave if Connecticut opts for further restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms. Passing these bills will be an admission that you are willing to hurt law-abiding businesses for no gain at all.

You might ask yourself "Why would a random small business owner care about a company like Colt?"

Simple: it's all about the supply chain.

Colt doesn't operate in a vacuum. They subcontract for parts and services all over the state. And they will decide that it makes more sense to move to a friendly state than to stay here and pay all the additional fees and taxes that SB1071 imposes. When they do that, no business case can be made for shipping parts hundreds or thousands of miles. This means that some of those companies will move, and others will go out of business.

And those small companies that supply parts and services to the Colts of the world?

Those are my customers. Where they go, I follow.

Tread Carefully.