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Good day Members of the Connecticut legislature's Public Safety Committee,

I submit this written testimony regarding the Public hearing of March 14, 2013, opposing bills SB 1076, SB 505, SB 506, SB 897, SB 6162, and HB 6251, among others.

I insist that you be fair and balanced in reviewing the wealth of information that is being handed to you today. I vote in every election and I will be watching your votes carefully. I will not vote for any elected official that votes in favor of SB 1076 or any other bill pertaining to firearms or magazine limitation/restriction, excessive tax and extra licensing.

Please know I am not the type of person who is compelled to contact my local government, however, I can no longer stay quiet. All of our Second Amendment rights are at risk, this includes yours. I just want to remind you of the statistics of occurrences of violence in states with strict gun control in comparison to states without it. For instance, consider Detroit and Chicago in comparison to Vermont and Texas. We all know that Chicago has an average of 500 gun related murders a year, with the most stringent gun control in the nation. Not one gun shop is in Chicago, and permits are illegal there. How do these murders occur? Criminals do not obey the law.

I am contacting you because I want you to know that I strongly oppose any bans on sporting rifles or as you refer to them, assault rifles and any standard capacity, or as you refer them high capacity magazine.

As soon as there is a tragedy, there come the calls for "***We have to do something!***" Sure, the something may not actually accomplish anything as far as solving whatever the tragedy was or preventing the next one. Something evil happened, so we have to do something, and preferably we have to do it right now before we think about it too hard.

The changes you make this year will forever change our society, and in my opinion the changes will not be for the betterment of the people.

Sadly my Boubi spent time in Auschwitz Concentration Camp because her neighbors, who were convinced by their government that this was the right thing to do, turned her in, just as you would like us to believe that you are making the "right" choices for us.

I am an avid runner and especially enjoy trail running. If any of the proposed bans proposed go through, you will prevent me from being able to protect myself and my family. Since women, young and mature, are easier targets, you could potentially deny me and all other women the right to protect ourselves from one or more attackers who suffer from serious mental health issues.

If the proposed bans are approved, I ask you, will you be able to sleep guilt free at night knowing that you have put the life of every Connecticut resident, including yourself and American in danger or worse by causing their death?

Respectfully submitted,

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