

March 14, 2013

To the Honorable members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

My name is John F. Beidler. I reside with my family at 130 Rolling Hill Lane, Southington, CT.

I submit this testimony in opposition to the following bills being heard today:

**SB505- SB506- SB1071- SB897- SB1076- HB6162- HB6251- HB6595- HB6598.**

I perceive every one of these bills to be an encroachment on my personal rights and liberties as a law abiding citizen of Connecticut and these United States of America.

I do not believe you have the authority to pass legislation that will potentially brand me as a criminal for merely possessing legitimate, and legally purchased products. You do not have the knowledge, understanding or integrity to make laws determining the amount of ammunition or the types of weapons I may require and employ to protect myself and or my family in a time of crisis. I would not expect you to comply and submit to my judgment regarding your personal safety needs and I demand that you do not attempt to impose the same on me.

Limitations restricting future purchases and imposing additional taxes and fees on ammunition and weapon systems purchases only advance the "class warfare" assaults on the American population. It appears that you have now determined that a certain level of wealth is the defining factor in allowing a citizen the ability to adequately protect one's person, family and possessions. I vehemently disagree with this assertion.

My request is that you continue your investigation of the facts leading up to and contributing to these horrific events and seek to enact legislation that might actually help to prevent further tragedies such as occurred in Newtown last year. I implore you not use these events and heartbreak to impose an extreme and dangerous ideology on your constituents.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Beidler