

March 10, 2013

Public Safety and Security Committee
Legislative Office Building , Room 2C
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a voter and taxpayer, I would like to state my position strongly opposing further gun control bills. In general, other states such as Illinois and the District of Columbia have the strictest gun control laws in the country, yet they have the largest number of gun related homicides. How could that be? Because criminals do not obey the law. That is why they are criminals. If passed, these bills would not reduce crime, but would put law-abiding citizens at greater risk. How does denying law-abiding citizens access to the means of self-defense make them safer?

I oppose SB No. 505 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE A RIFLE OR OTHER LONG GUN" because it infringes upon the Second Amendment. You can join the military and carry a rifle at eighteen years old, so why should a citizen be denied the same right?

I oppose SB No. 506, "AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PRIVATE FIREARM SALES" because it would criminalize private transactions made by law-abiding citizens, but would not deter criminals who already obtain firearms through illegal means.

I oppose SB No. 897, "AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION OF FIREARMS" because it infringes upon the Second Amendment.

I oppose SB No. 1071, " AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND" because it would encourage gun manufacturers to move out of the state due to increased taxation, which would serve to further strain the local economy.

I oppose SB No. 1076, "AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE" because it infringes upon the Second Amendment. This bill turn law-abiding citizens into felons and would deny them the means to defend themselves, yet would do nothing to deter criminals who already obtain these weapons illegally.

I oppose HB No. 6162, "AN ACT CONCERNING INELIGIBILITY FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER OR AN ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE BASED ON A PRIOR HOSPITALIZATION" because it infringes upon the Second Amendment.