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To the Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is William Murphy and I live in Tolland Connecticut. I oppose much if not all of the proposals under consideration today; though with the little content in some of the proposals it is difficult for me to be sure.

As far as SB1071, it is unlikely that it will raise much money, because the cost will simply close many of the small businesses.

SB1076 does have some parts that may help with the mental health and criminal tracking, but the firearms registration is expensive and will have no impact on crime and would have not made any difference in the Newtown shooting.

The first training I received with pistols was in the Army. Today I have civilian copies of both of the primary firearms I received instructions in using while in the military. The Colt 45 pistol and the AR15 style rifle. Banning, licensing or restricting these firearms will not change the fact that I have never used them for anything other than legal target shooting.

I am an NRA certified safety instructor for handguns, rifles and shotguns. I own examples of all these arms and use all of them in the shooting sports. They are stored in a substantial safe and in a manner that should prevent unauthorized access by anyone other than myself or my wife.

I believe that the language of the Connecticut Bill of Rights SEC 15; Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state, would tend to show that the founders of our state and nation viewed the law abiding members of society as trusted partners in the defense of our country. That perspective seems in stark contrast to the position that those who have obeyed the law and maintain a state pistol permit find themselves in today.

Thank you for your time and your service to our state.