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Public Safety and Security Committee,

My name is Leonard Benedetto. I am a Stratford Resident, a founding member of CCDL, an organization with more than 4000 members and growing daily. I am the Vice President of CCDL, and as our Governor put it the other day I am "the fringe of the fringe".

I am here today to testify in opposition to SB505, SB506, SB1076 & HB6251. I am also here in support of SB299, except it should be expanded to cover all forms of emergency.

When I testified in January before the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group I pleaded with them to allow for real public hearings on proposed gun legislation. I would like to say Thank You for this opportunity today.

I would also like to state that the docket today is so heavy with bills that we citizens and voters are not being allowed enough time to discuss the fine points of these bills that we have issues with. The four bills that I oppose today have a total of 69 pages combined. SB1076 has 59 pages alone. 3 minutes could never be enough time for proper testimony.

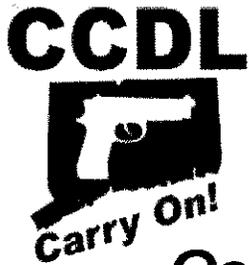
SB505 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE A RIFLE OR OTHER LONG GUN.

This will take away the rights of our service men and women returning from active duty to obtain long guns. These heroes returning home will now be barred from purchasing a tool that they have been trained with and actively used to defend themselves and others with.

SB506 AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PRIVATE FIREARM SALES

Line 38 of this bill is calling for listing the manufacturers number. How does this pertain to firearms that were made prior to the Gun Control Act of 1968. I own modern firearms that do not have a serial number because they were made before that year.

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HB6251 AN ACT REQUIRING FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PRIOR TO THE SALE, DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF ALL LONG GUNS

I am assuming that the author(s) have considered a process on how a citizen would supply fingerprints with every gun purchase. Also, the thought of having my fingerprints on file in a gun store is extremely disturbing.

SB1076 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE

With so many infringements of our rights in one proposed bill I will jump right to a part that I find extremely restricting.

Line 1086/Making shipping ammunition illegal. My wife and I are both competitive shooters. We spend thousands of dollars a year on ammunition. At times that means getting ammunition shipped to us. We as free citizens and voters should be able to buy what we want from wherever we want. Almost every line of SB1076 is offensive to honest, hard working, law abiding citizens.

In closing, not one thing in any of these bills today will stop the next slaughter of innocent people from a crazed madman. I was under the impression that any new gun control legislation was being put forth to protect us from such a madman.

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