

Learned Public Safety and Security Committee members,

Thank you for this forum and the opportunity to let the public voice their opinions. My Name is David Wheatley and am a Military Veteran. I spent my time in the Military protecting our Nation and the citizen's rights as laid out in the Constitution. I took an oath to protect the country and obey the Constitution of the United States. I'm here today because I believe some of these proposed Legislative bills may make criminals out of Law abiding citizens through no fault of their own. Especially the Bill known as SB1076.

I want to urge you to oppose any and all gun control proposals that will penalize law abiding gun owners of Connecticut for the acts of criminals and mentally ill people.

From the Columbine Mass murders, Virginia Tech, Tucson, Aurora and Sandy Hook the perpetrators were known to be mentally ill. Privacy acts that the Government put in place allowed many of those persons to go through life without constraint as well as other people not knowing their mental conditions. The woman in Stonington that recently murdered her Grandchildren was a known mental patient as well. We need to use our laws where they belong; not by eroding our God given and constitutional rights. Our country as well as our State Constitution's was written by people that had lived under the rule of tyranny and Monarchies. They had a foresight that was inspired by hundreds of generations living under tyrannical rule. When George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, James Madison, John Adams and many others whom wrote the Constitution they foresaw the pitfalls of limiting our freedom and chose to write in very explicit terms that they shall not be taken away or infringed on. Again, I urge you to oppose any and all gun control proposals that will penalize law abiding gun owners of Connecticut; In Particular the bill known as SB1076 which is unfair and demonizes Sportsman and Hobbyist.

Thank You,
Respectfully,


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