

To: Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence and State Representatives 03/14/2013

Testimony for Public hearing on Gun Control

Subject: Raised Bill 1076 - *AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE*

“Assault Weapons” are already very tightly controlled in CT by very strict statues which are in blatant disregard of our constitutional rights.

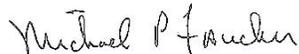
While this bill already had very strong and limiting language with regard to what features were acceptable with the two “feature” limit, the amended section that reduces the feature limit to one considerably prohibits the ability to possess firearms in this class.

These firearms are very widely owned and popular for target shooting, hunting, home defense (as recommended by DHS) and classified as “in common use” by 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment standards. The characteristics specified are cosmetic in nature. These features have no bearing on how more or less lethal these firearms will perform. Changing the requirement from two characteristics to one and adding a barrage of other restrictions will not make these and similar firearms any less effective at stopping a madman or criminal. Eliminating “cosmetic” features will not have any effect at preventing a criminal who wants to use one of these firearms to murder people. This newly amended law will not deter him.

The only people that will be affected will be the law abiding, honest and tax paying citizens of this state that do no wrong. There are literally tens of thousands of these and similar firearms that are currently legally owned by responsible people in this state. The death and injury rate is not even mentionable, but yet, there is insistence to further restrict one of the most popular modern day firearms, all because of the actions of one mentally ill person!

This mentality is similar to punishing all people in Ct. that have a driver’s license because one drunk driver killed while speeding, why punish all fire arms owners for the acts of one person?

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