

Public Safety and Security Committee  
Public Hearing  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capital Avenue  
Hartford, CT. 06106

March 14, 2013

Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee,

I wish to express my OPPOSITION to SB-1076 "An Act Concerning the Reduction of Gun Violence".

This bill contains many anti-gun schemes that I oppose, but will comment on only a couple of them due to time constraints:

Expanding the ban on modern semi-auto firearms with certain cosmetic features and standard capacity magazines greater than 10.

The first ban of this type was in 1994 had little if any effect on crime and was not renewed on a national level because of this. A Report to the National Institute of Justice, (Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice) Jerry Lee Center of Criminology - University of Pennsylvania, states "...Should it be renewed, the ban's effects on gun violence are likely to be small at best and perhaps too small for reliable measurement. AWs were rarely used in gun crimes even before the ban...".

Registration and licensing of all firearms, regulating ammunition sales.

Not only does registration of all firearms set the stage for future confiscation (this has played out in other countries in the past and did not end well) but the funding and manhours needed to license and watch the law abiding gun owners is a waste and would be better spent funding the Firearms Trafficking Task Force.

We are still waiting for the official State Police Report on Sandy Hook. I believe that no legislation should be considered until it has been released and people have had sufficient time to review and discuss the contents.

Sincerely,

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