

All,

I am writing to say that I am strongly opposed to SB1067. This bill deserves the necessary hearings associated with it to discuss the numerous proposals contained therein. Most proposals are confusing and restrictive and will do nothing to curb violence or crime. In fact the brunt of SB1067 leaves gun owners with more restrictions and more out of pocket costs in a state already plagued with high taxes.

As a law abiding gun owner, I am also a military member in an operational reserve unit, who is not afforded the same rights as even state and government officials and law enforcement. That to me is confusing. My unit relies on training from civilian contractors and these laws will seriously impact that training and ultimately make it logistically impossible to train in this state.

I strongly oppose an assault weapons ban, especially with poll tax fees. Owning firearms is a right guaranteed by the constitution. It is not a privilege like driving a car.

I am also opposed to a magazine limit ban because magazine changes do not give any less of an opportunity for a criminal to inflict mayhem. No one can dictate the number of rounds you need for self-defense or training. Besides, who is going to pay for all the new magazines we will need to own in order to be compliant with proposed legislation?

In Connecticut we have:

- 1 - Background checks through the NICS (National Investigation Criminal System)
- 2 - Permits for Pistols (I am not opposed to the same permit being necessary for a rifle or ammunition but to limit purchases and increase fees for taxes and other permits needed I am strongly opposed)
- 3 - Assault weapons banned already and registration of NFA (national firearm act) weapons that are full automatic.
- 4 - Firearms are already registered with the state. Not only do you have to fill out a 4473 form for all firearms but each firearm has a duplicate form sent to the state.

This state needs a task force to enforce the laws on the books now and funding to increase protection of our children at schools. I was told by a senator that we do not want our kids living in a prison at our schools, but after 9-11 we certainly keep our people safe at airports.

Sincerely,

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