

As a Legislator, why would you support laws that: ban the possession of legally acquired and owned gun magazines, ban semi automatic sporting rifles owned by law abiding citizens, require law abiding sportsman to register their legally acquired guns yearly with the same requirements as a criminal on the gun offender registry, etc.? I would agree with common sense laws such as back round checks and safe storage of firearms, however what amounts to Government confiscation of legally acquired and possessed gun magazines by requiring these Standard Capacity magazines that come from the factory with modern handguns and rifles to be "turned in to Police" is against the law (Ex Post Facto) and Constitution. Connecticut Sportsmen and women will not tolerate being treated like criminals. In fact, most criminals are not required to surrender their personal property so why should law abiding citizens be held to this unlawful proposal?

I am not a criminal although most of the laws that are being proposed treat me and the other 1,000,000 law abiding (and voting) Connecticut gun owners like a criminal. **Please answer the following questions honestly – will criminals and insane individuals obey these proposed laws? Will criminals stand in line at their local Police Department and surrender their guns and magazines? Will criminals register their guns?**

As an elected official, you are supposed to represent the views of your constituents, not the media, Governor, etc. If you take the time to review the submitted testimony, you will see the majority of concerned citizens do not support legislation that penalizes honest, law abiding firearms owners.

Because of proposed gun laws, manufacturers Stag Arms, Hartford-based Colt, Southport-based Sturm, Ruger and Co. and New Haven-based Mossberg & Sons are thinking of leaving Connecticut . Our state stands to lose 1.7 Billion Dollars in revenue and over 3,000 jobs. If this happens, any Legislator that has voted for magazine and assault weapons bans will have this mark on their record when upcoming elections occur.

Please remember the 1,000,000 Law Abiding Connecticut gun owners will be voting for Governor, Senators, and Representatives in the near future and we will not forget how each of you votes on this issue.

Please review Proposed Bill 1076. The Section 27 applies to criminals on the gun offender registry and Section 32 applies to law abiding sportsman. Under this proposed bill, law abiding gun owners would be required to submit to more stringent yearly registration than criminals on the "gun offender registry" Please note that gun owners in Connecticut are already required to go through a back round check when purchasing a new firearm and a registration form for each purchaser/gun is sent to the State Police and the purchaser's local Police Department.

I absolutely oppose firearm registration. No state in the country requires firearms that were purchased legally to be re-registered as if we are criminals.

Please note it would be logistically impossible to register all the firearms in Connecticut. There are approximately 1,000,000 gun owners in Connecticut. If each owns an average of 3 guns, that's 3,000,000 guns to register annually.

If you average that over a 5 day workweek, that is over 11,000 guns per day that would have to be registered. How many new employees will be required to process these complex documents? Where would the funds come from to pay for this? Would criminals register their guns? This law is unconstitutional and is sure to bring lawsuits such as the ones that are currently occurring in New York. Please oppose this bill, Connecticut sportsmen will be recording how you vote and will remember during the next election.

Respectfully Submitted,

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