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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in opposition to the gun rights infringement which is being considered by your committee. Such bill do nothing at all to maintain safety. As you will see, Switzerland has the greatest national safety with zero gun murders per hundred-thousand. They require every citizen to own a gun and take a proficiency test one a year. The greater the gun laws that disarm the people, the more gun murders occur. Please consider the following data for which I thank you.

Rule of Law vs. Rule of Dictator

According to the "Rule of Law", the Constitution of the United States was issued by the people to their Government to establish the parameters within which government is allowed to operate. This is made plain by the Bill of Rights, known as the first ten amendments to the Constitution, which states the areas which government has no authority over, i.e. no authority to change, restrict, or eliminate. This group says our liberties are a gift from God Almighty; therefore, we are One Nation Under God.

According to the "Rule of Dictator", the Constitution is a living document which may be ignored when they don't like what it says and they may pass laws that specifically violate the Constitution because they want to control the people, treating them as subjects rather than citizens. This group says our liberties are given by government at the discretion of government; therefore, dictators do what makes them feel comfortable and safe when dealing with their subjects, the population.

For example, the Constitution's Bill of Rights states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the **right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.**" (Emphasis mine). Note that it is the right of the people, not the right of a selected few so designated by government. The dictators don't like this passage of the Bill of Rights. They consistently try to legislate against it claiming they are caring for the safety of the people: however, the facts expose this as a lie. Sen. Tom Dodd found this 'disarm the people' plan while serving on the War Crimes Commission in Germany after WWII. Hitler used it to establish his dictatorship. It is a statistical fact that gun crime is highest where there are gun restrictions, especially where there are gun bans. Murder by gun is highest in cities that have gun bans, like Chicago, and New York City. This is the same for nations which have gun bans. Gun ban nations have a triple digit gun murders per hundred-thousand. The USA has a very low average of 4.2 gun murders per hundred-thousand. Switzerland, however, has zero gun murders per hundred-thousand. The reason? Switzerland requires every citizen to own a gun and have a proficiency test once per year. Data is available on the FBI web site. By the way, folks in the USA with the best manners may be found on the shooting range.

The Constitution of the State of Connecticut clarifies the purpose of the Second Amendment of our nation's Constitution saying, "Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state." Article 1:

Section 15 Connecticut Constitution. Because of this knowledge, the Japanese would not attack the West Coast after Pearl Harbor fearing a gun behind every blade of grass. That fear should be found in the hearts of all enemies of the USA. Keeping in mind what both Constitutions say, and add to that the fact that all who hold public office have taken their oath of office in which they promise to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Connecticut against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Given the existence of SB1160 and the current proceedings in the Connecticut State Legislature to infringe on the Bill of Rights, I have to ask, "When are those who have taken this oath of office, or oath of service, or oath of enlistment going to obey their oath and arrest or bring charges against those who won't obey the law of the Constitution?"

Besides, when ISIS starts shooting in our streets, they will be using fully automatic weapons, AR's, and anything else they may have brought with them over the open borders or acquired while here. The violators of the Constitutions quoted are causing Americans to be ill prepared to defend the country. In some places, Americans will only be targets due to gun bans. As reported on Fox News, a captured ISIS terrorist has been bragging that they are established in every state of the union, and are better organized than anyone thinks. Repeal SB1160 before you wish you had. ISIS won't limit their magazines nor what model gun they use. We the people need an equal opportunity in national defense.

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