Dear Judiciary Committee:

I am especially disturbed by the language in SB 16 that speaks about demonstrations.

You will likely be hearing from members of the public who stated that they felt "threatened" by the appearance of firearms, both openly carried or implicitly carried concealed, by pro Second Amendment advocates, at rallies and demonstrations in Newtown.

I would challenge any of those members of the public to produce evidence of any disturbance or any police reports from those rallies.

Meanwhile, the Connecticut Citizens Defense League has conducted several rallies at the State Capitol. As elsewhere, firearms were both openly carried or implicitly carried concealed. Not one episode of trouble. In fact, Capitol Police have always been complimentary on how we leave the grounds immaculate after we leave.

I OPPOSE SB 16 for what it is: an attack on gun owners cloaked by its attempt at holding criminals accountable.

I also **OPPOSE** HB No. 5416 - AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Respectfully,

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