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To: JudTestimony
Cc: Rep. Barry, Jill
Subject: Robert Stockton: testimony opposing SB16 and HB5416

Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee,

I've written multiple versions of this letter in an attempt to limit myself to three minutes, however I have to admit I struggle with the time constraint given the weight of the proposed legislation and it's infringement on our citizens.

First off, I'd like to let it be known that I request that you OPPOSE both SB16 and HB5416. These laws are written to restrict the law-abiding citizen who chooses to exercise his/her right to defend themselves.

I absolutely believe crime needs to be addressed, we have an ongoing problem particularly with juveniles in this state. These proposed laws will only create more criminals while doing nothing to stop crime. Year after year we meet here again, this time via zoom, to discuss new legislation pertaining to gun laws. Year after year we show up in record numbers to speak out against them. At what point will we be heard loud enough? We do not seek addition gun control measures in the state of Connecticut.

We do not have a crime epidemic with 'pre-ban' rifles or firearms with 'arm braces'. This proposed legislation is nothing more than grandstanding in an election year. Outlawing the mentioned firearms (and more) does nothing to stop crime in our state while attacking the rights of hundreds of thousands of permit holders statewide.

In addition to OPPOSING SB16 AND HB5416, I fully SUPPORT HB388, HB5415, AND HB5412. I find it concerning that in a nation where lunatics are more frequently attacking places of worship, that we would not join the rest of the nation in enabling citizens to defend themselves at church. Failure to address and pass these bills only shows Connecticut voters the true intentions of those who do not support these bills.

Support of HB5415 is equally important. Anyone who already possesses an 'assault weapon' must be able to transfer their 'assault weapons' to another individual who also owns these firearms. They have obviously proven themselves in the last decade as responsible firearm owners. Responsible gun ownership is a figure that is growing at record rates in this country and Connecticut is no exception.

Last year, in between the months of January and July, 31,170 new carry permits were processed. That figure is more than double the total number of permits issued in 2019. We are not as unorganized as we were in 2013 when Malloy and the rest of the democrats came for our rifles and limited our magazine capacities. We promised ourselves we would never let it happen again, and it appears that not everyone has gotten the message.

Let me remind you that this is an election year. I know I speak for all of us when I say, anyone who votes in favor of these restrictions on law-abiding citizens will feel the full impact of our effort to VOTE YOU OUT OF OFFICE.

Thank you,

Robert Stockton
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