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General Assembly Judiciary Committee

First I want to say that I am a current law enforcement officer in the state, I am a POST LE firearms instructor, hunter and recreational shooter. I strongly oppose SB16. With the amount of firearm laws already in Connecticut, "the constitution state", this will just further restrict and hurt law abiding citizens. In my seven years of professional experience I have been to numerous (more then you can count on one hand) shootings and have recovered firearms from scenes during the course of my investigations. Every single one has been the result of a stolen firearm in the hands of a felon who shouldn't have had the firearm in the first place.

Criminals don't care what the laws are, that's why they are committing crimes. This bill would have done nothing to prevent any of the violent crimes that my colleagues or I have investigated. What it does do, is further shows distrust in the elected leadership and law enforcement to not infringe on the rights of the people.

The vast majority of criminals are not purchasing parts and building homemade firearms, it would be much faster, cheaper and easier for them to buy a stolen gun on the street.

The state and governor has also failed to produce the statistics that homebuilt firearms, assault weapons or if "other firearms" are involved in any more violent crimes then handguns, hammers, knives and/or any other weapons. From what FBI statistics show year after year, fists/feet, knives and hammers top the charts for homicides.

This bill also monetarily affects the residents of Connecticut as it will cost them to serialize their homebuilt firearms or destroy costly legally owned property in order to stay within the new law.

With thousands if not hundreds of thousands of Pistol braced "other firearms" now in circulation, possibly even more then previously registered "Assault weapons", you will also be setting up grounds for a legal fight on common use of modern sporting rifles within the state should this bill pass.

Once again this bill just further restricts and complicates the law for legal gun owners while having no affect on preventing crime.

I also urge the Committee to OPPOSE Raised H.B. No. 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

However, I would ask the Committee to SUPPORT the following bills:

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

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

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 appreciate the opportunity for me to submit my written testimony.

Respectfully submitted by,

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