Dear Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

You need to **oppose S.B. 16**: ***AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME***. And find real solutions to Connecticut's crime problems.

The remainder of the sections related to firearms are equally useless in reducing crime. I'm particularly discouraged by the section related to the gun tracing task force. It clearly tries to shift the problem of firearms crime to some out of state "flow". Firearms crimes in CT are dropped 70% of the time. If Connecticut law enforcement is catching criminals illegally possessing guns, and these crimes aren't being prosecuted, where else do we need to look for the problem?

Why is it only a misdemeanor to steal a firearm, and yet a gun owner who has his gun stolen, if determined to be not "secured", faces a felony? How can the Governor claim to want to be tough on gun crimes when the sentences are ridiculous, and rarely prosecuted?

I urge you to **oppose S.B. 16**.

I addition, I also **oppose H.B. 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.***

Thank you,

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