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 respectfully request that you <u>OPPOSE SB 16</u>

There is so much wrong with this bill that I don't know where to start without writing multiple pages. I will try to be brief.

It is already illegal to manufacture a firearm without obtaining an authorization number. You have already grandfathered in older homemade firearms, yet now you want to require that they be "registered"? You are grandstanding in an election year.

You want to now make pre-bans firearms "2022 Assault Weapons". It is wrong for you to make a law one year, then change it for no good reason. How many "assault weapons" have been used in a crime this year?

You now want to require the "thumbprint of the owner, and any other information the department may deem appropriate". What's next? DNA? A psychological test? Fees? Insurance? Firearm owners are already identified and fingerprinted.

You want to require long guns be sold with a gun lock? How meaningless. Once the gun is brought home, you have no way to ensure or enforce that it will be used to lock up a gun.

As I said, I could write volumes on each of this bill's numerous points that show how unnecessary and meaningless they all are. I know that neither myself or the members of the body have that much time.

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Thank you

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