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 find almost everything about this bill offensive.

Governor Lamont is clearly out of touch. Roughly 70% of gun offenses in Connecticut today are not prosecuted and the majority of all gun crimes in the state are committed by criminals. And yet he has the audacity to declare that Connecticut has "too many damn guns"?

Now he and democratic lawmakers want once again bring up the old "stop and frisk" tactic that clearly violates The Constitution when just last year he called for limiting police engagement! This part of the bill has been defeated ad nauseum as being at risk for profiling. What the heck is he doing?

I also find it offensive that he wants to fund the Statewide Firearms Trafficking Task Force! My gun friends and I have been saying this for years and every year it gets rejected. Must be an election year.

Did you know that 2020 and 2021 set records for new legal permit holders all over the country? Yes, these new law-abiding gun owners are all ages, genders, races, sexual orientation and political affiliations. Indeed, Governor Lamont is out of touch.

<u>I ask you to reject Senate Bill 16.</u>

Sincerely,

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