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 write to you to ask you to <u>OPPOSE</u> SB 16: An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime.

I think we can all agree that parts of this bill are laudable. As a citizen of this state, I too want a reduction in crime and especially juvenile crime, as those juveniles are at risk to become adult criminals. I too want more police on the street and want programs to help curb "gun" violence, well, all violence really. We have a major problem with recidivism, and I too want that stopped.

As a gun owner in this state however, I cannot abide by the Governor's caustic rhetoric on "too many damn guns". I was not at all shocked to hear that from him, especially with the anti-gun cronies behind him. Then I read Senate Bill 16, and I became further incensed.

I OPPOSE SB 16. Not just because its obnoxious to my Rights as a gun owner, but because most of those measures would prove futile to reducing crime.

Yours truly

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