Dear Judiciary Committee,

PLEASE oppose **S.B. 16**: ***AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME***.

While it's become clear that we have a rising crime problem in CT, this crime is not the result of Connecticut's legal gun owners. Trying to outlaw new classes of firearms will have zero effect on actual crime. These crimes are being conducted almost exclusively with handguns, which are already strictly regulated. These criminals are not Carry Permit holders, they're criminals, illegally carrying handguns. We need to start prosecuting these crimes, rather than inventing new crimes.

Some of the sections in this bill border on ludicrous. Just one example in order to keep this testimony short - Firearms dealers, i.e. FFLs are already aggressively overseen by federal regulations and the ATF. Adding a new layer of state regulation on top of that will provide no safety benefit, will increase bureaucracy, delays, and costs to everyone.

I hope that the Judiciary Committee will oppose this bill.

Respectfully,

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