

It is my understanding that RB-1047 has recently been raised by the Judiciary Committee of the current Legislative session of Connecticut General Assembly to make it a Class D Felony to possess what are deemed as “high capacity” firearms magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

This bill calls for the flat out CONFISCATION of personal property, with no provision for monetary compensation. This is a direct infringement of the “due process clause” as outlined in the 14th Amendment of the Bill of Rights, which safeguards WE THE PEOPLE from the arbitrary denial of life, liberty and property by the Government.

Additionally, this bill does not allow for any sort of “grandfathering” of property that was legally purchased and owned prior to enactment. That would unquestionably make this particular bill, if passed into law, to be considered ex post facto. Individual states are prohibited from passing ex post facto laws by clause 1 of Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution of The United States.

I am steadfastly OPPOSED to this legislation, and want to make crystal clear that my view is heard and understood.

I am also steadfastly OPPOSED to the use of Emergency Certification of any legislation of this importance and potential impact on several hundred thousand Connecticut residents. Such monumental legislation requires passage through the normal committee process including full hearings and public comments.

I am also steadfastly OPPOSED to Senator Looney's desire to pass this legislation through a single omnibus bill preventing its constituent parts to be considered, argued and voted upon based on their individual merits. The use of an omnibus bill is an incredibly transparent and cynical way for the majority Democrats to shame any in opposition into voting for the entirety of the omnibus, irrespective of whether they support individual parts.

As an elected official, I want you to be very aware that many more people in this state are paying close attention to how you vote on this and all of the anti-gun legislation that has been proposed. By the OLR's estimates, 300,000 of the state's 500,000+ gun owners will be impacted by SB1047 or any similar magazine capacity limit. You have awoken the sleeping bear, and we will not passively sit back and let our rights and freedoms be infringed upon, in any manner. A vote in favor of this legislation WILL impact your future in the Connecticut General Assembly next time you are up for re-election.

Respectfully,

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