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Re: Proposed so called "assault gun" and "large capacity magazine" legislation.

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am here today representing the Rockville Fish and Game Club. We are a large club with members primarily from northeast Connecticut, but many others from throughout the state.

We want you to know that we oppose banning so called large capacity ammunition magazines and so called "assault guns". We do so for many reasons, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. Magazines greater than ten rounds are normal. They are in widespread use in both handguns and long guns. Passing this bill would create instant felons of a large portion of the legal gun owners in Connecticut.
2. Connecticut may experience a loss of jobs and tax revenue as state manufacturers are affected.
3. These magazines and firearms are widely used by us as home defense firearms.
4. These magazines and firearms are widely used by us in sporting competitions .
5. Previous legislation at the federal level regarding this matter was a failure and was repealed.
6. A study by the Centers for Disease Control looked at this ban, and concluded that it could not be proven to reduce crime.
7. A study, commissioned by Congress, found that bans were not effective since "the banned weapons and magazines were never used in more than a modest fraction of all gun murders". The federal "Assault Gun" law (including magazine restrictions) was repealed.

8. Law enforcement personnel routinely utilize firearms which exceed ten round capacity (for example, law enforcement sales of the Glock Model 22 ,.40 Caliber pistol is standard with fifteen round magazines.).

9. Murderers and other criminals will not obey this legislation.

10. The firearms to be considered for legislation are not, by definition, "assault guns". They are not automatic firearms. They are not powerful compared to commonly used rifles.

11. The state Constitution says:

SEC. 15. "Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state."

12. The Federal Bill of Rights says:

Second Amendment. "...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

13. Firearms do not commit murder. Murder is committed by criminals and insane individuals.

14. Existing firearms law violations are routinely plea bargained away in the court system. Criminals know this. Enforcement should be mandatory. Enforce the laws we have.

15. Historically antigun measures have been put in place by dictators and dictatorial governments around the world to suppress freedom and enslave their people. The American revolution established the liberty of American citizens to protect themselves from that eventuality.

16. If you wish to attempt to more strictly limit access to firearms by criminals and the insane, additional more sensible alternatives are available.

Since the proposals will not reduce crime, what purpose is served ?

Since you as legislators are protected by law enforcement personnel with so called "assault guns" and other firearms with magazine capacities greater than ten rounds, and since criminals will always have access to firearms with magazines of greater than ten rounds, why shouldn't law abiding gun owners have the same

right? This is bad legislation. Repeal the so called state "assault gun" ban for all the same reasons .

Depriving us of our rights and liberty is wrong!

Thank you for listening.

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