

Attn: Gun Violence Work Group, (This is Public Testimony)

Dear Representatives and Senators of the Gun Violence Work Group:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this public comment on the legislature's proposals affecting gun owners.

SB-42 Criminal Possession of Ammunition

While this may seem a "common sense" proposal, it is anything but that. It would seem that it is intended to address the all too frequent, and illegal, practice by the State police of seizing ammunition when they seize firearms. The statutes do not now provide this reach and have deprived many citizens of the commodity/resale value of the ammunition that they no longer have firearms for. The disposition of this illegally seized ammunition is unknown and should be investigated by the Office of the AG. The legislation does not address purchase but merely unapproved possession of ammunition but I suspect one without the other is undoable. Unless the legislation clearly establishes a deterrent effect on criminals, it is meaningless.

SB-122 Restrictions on Gun Use

I oppose this legislation...I can't say enough about it so I'll only comment to say that NO proposed gun laws should exclude law enforcement. After all, if passing a law makes it happen, then police would never need more than one bullet in their handgun. Certainly the 7 incidental victims of the NYC shooting would support this requirement for their police. Truth is the criminals will not follow the law. Police must be prepared for criminals...and so must I. Now Lt. P. Vance once stated to a gathering of gun supporters at the Capital, police intervene directly in a crime less than 5% of the time. More than 95% of the time, they are investigators. I'd like to protect my family with the same firearms and magazines that the police find important for their safety.

SB-124 Magazine Capacity Limit

I strongly object to this legislation. Police respond to "possible armed" incidents with armored vehicles, level IV body armor with ballistic plates, additional manpower, radio communications, IR and night Vision scopes, snipers with tactical rifles, and with "assault weapons" having 30-40 rd high capacity magazines. In most cases, the State Police are carrying machine guns. I believe most town police departments have machine guns as well. That said, you expect me to possibly face the same "possibly armed" intruder and protect my family with a firearm having only 10 rds. Again I state IF YOU BELIEVE that passing a law magically makes everyone compliant, there is no need to exempt police from this 10 rd requirement. If instead they object to this 10 rd limit because they are dealing with criminals who do not abide by laws, then they have made my case for me. I want the same right to protect my home and family as police have to protect themselves.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Respectfully submitted,

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