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Testimony of Mr. David Findlay before Gun Violence Prevention
Working Group
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I am here today to express my opposition to the following pieces of proposed legislation:

I believe that #161 is a joint proposal that places unreasonable restraints on the possession of legally acquired semi-automatic firearms and box magazines with over 10 rounds capacity.

The appearance of a firearm is not a reliable indication of its capabilities. That was one of the major flaws in the "Clinton era" assault weapons ban.

"Universal gun registration" has always been opposed by law abiding gun owners and will continue to be

HB5268-SB liability insurance and 50% sales tax on ammunition & requires purchasers to be in person to buy.

The sales tax should be used to raise revenue, not too push an agenda.

In a round trip of less than a day, ammunition may be purchased out-of-state.

Firearms may not be purchased over the internet, so why is it necessary to restrict ammunition sales when ammunition is useless without the firearm?

SB122 In addition to being likely to cause widespread law ignoring by a very large number of currently law abiding gun owners, it makes the color guards of many veterans organizations illegal.

SB124 Restricting Magazine capacities to 10 rounds.

This is a useless exercise because changing magazines is an action that is measurable in 1 second or less. Most CT Police Depts practice this action continually in their handgun training courses and it is fatuous to suppose that evil intending persons would be deterred by the

requirement to “change magazines”

On a personal note, I have lived and worked in CT for over 50 years, have no criminal record and fail to see why I have to be punished for a crime committed by an unstable person.

Thank you