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Dear members of the Connecticut General Assembly,

I am writing to voice my opposition to certain bills proposed in the Senate and House regarding the possession, sale, transfer and availability of firearms. The law abiding gun owners of CT are being ambushed with a daily introduction of Senate and House Bills assaulting the rights of law abiding citizens to own firearms for self defense, sporting purpose and collection. The bills are plentiful and redundant.

I oppose a gun ban based on cosmetic features of the firearms. The AR-15 platform is used for hunting, target shooting and self defense. I would like to see changes to the "Assault Weapon" definition such as the collapsible stock is not one of the banned features. A collapsible stock, would allow a husband and wife, to use a single long gun for target practice rather than purchase a gun for each person and pin the stock to the length corresponding to the body size of each shooter.

I oppose the ban and limit on the sale of ammunition. Newtown and Aurora massacres were committed with 200 rounds of ammunition or less, the same amount a law abiding citizen spends during a 2 hour trip to the rifle range. The proposed 50% tax on ammunition would do nothing to prevent future mass shootings? I doubt the Virginia Tech Killer, Aurora Killer or Newtown Killer were concerned with the credit card debt they left behind.

I oppose placing a hard limit on magazine capacity. The question of how many bullets does a law abiding citizen need is very difficult to answer. During a forcible home invasion, when seconds count and police are just minutes away, the magazine should hold a few more bullets than required to stop the intruders and take control of the situation. In a self defense life or death encounter, the magazine should hold a few more bullets than required to safely retreat or stop the perpetrator. The law abiding citizens are at a disadvantage because they do not choose the venue nor the time of a confrontation. Mass killers plan ahead, a 30 round magazine is easily replaced by a duffel bag of 10 round magazines.

Law enforcement is great for solving crimes, from newspaper articles they are always looking for the rapist, killer, home invader, kidnapper, suspected hit and run driver. They are not quite there yet on preventing all crimes.

I support background checks for everyone who purchases a firearm.

I support stiffer penalties for violent crimes. Dying from a stab wound, blunt object head trauma or being run over by a car is no different than getting shot.

I support holding the Judges of the Superior Court accountable for releasing violent criminals back into the society with a suspended sentence. Probation should not be an option for home invaders, regardless of their prior criminal history. It is safer to have a limited number of enforceable laws, than a library of laws that neither the public nor the police understand.

We shall not rush to judgment without understanding the root cause of these tragedies. We shall not pass laws that infringe on the rights of law abiding gun owners in Connecticut. The anti-gun laws will create thousands of defenseless victims without saving a single soul.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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S.B. No. 613: Oppose

S.B. No. 501: Oppose

S.B. No. 504: Oppose

S.B. No. 161: Oppose

S.B. No. 140: Oppose

S.B. No. 122: Oppose