

Members of the Gun Violence Prevention Committee,

I have written a letters to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee and to the Judiciary Committee voicing my opposition to proposed S.B. No. 122 "An Act Concerning Restrictions on Gun Use" and HB-5268 "An Act Requiring the Maintenance of Liability Insurance by Firearm Owners and Establishing a Sales Tax on Ammunition". Senator McLachlan recommended I refer my commentary to this Committee as well.

Regarding S.B. No. 122, the limitation of a firearm to hold or fire a single round infringes upon a citizen's right to bear arms for protection as stated in Section 15 of the Connecticut State Constitution and a citizen's right to bear arms as stated in the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Regarding HB-5268, the 50% tax on ammunition is an undue financial burden upon legal firearm owners. This burden also infringes upon a citizen's right to bear arms for protection as stated in Section 15 of the Connecticut State Constitution and a citizen's right to bear arms as stated in the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Recognizing that law enforcement response time can be several minutes, I choose to exercise my rights as stated in the previous paragraphs to defend myself and family from intruders' intent upon using lethal force to exercise their will upon my own will or my family's will. Limiting gun ownership to firearms holding or firing a single round and/or limiting access to ammunition via taxation adds undue burden to my defense of life.

Criminals acquire firearms through black-markets and other illegal means. They will continue to find ways to acquire firearms and ammunition. These bills unduly burden legal, law-abiding firearms owners and is are punitive measures on the law-abiding segment of our society. Connecticut does a very good job vetting citizens for potential firearm ownership and should continue to do this within the Connecticut General Statues already in place.

Respectfully,
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