

My name is James Bernatchez Jr and I want it to be known that I do NOT support a stricter assault weapon ban or a "high capacity" magazine ban, and I am very much against all the bills listed at the bottom of this email. I have never come home from work and had my firearms shooting by themselves. Stop blaming the tool and start blaming the person committing these crimes. If you look at all the shootings that happened recently one thing is in common, all the shooters were mentally ill and they did many illegal things prior to actually shooting. It take a very disturbed, mentally ill person to pull a trigger on a 6 year old child. If he wasn't able to procure the firearms (which he did illegally, I might add) he would have found another way to carry out his plan. I ask the people who are trying to push new laws on the citizens of this country to stop the knee jerk reactions and put some thought and rational in to it. Banning certain firearms, magazines, and other items isn't the answer. One of the shooters in Columbine used thirteen 10rd magazines and just kept reloading. Limiting magazine capacity isn't the answer! Instead of punishing law abiding citizens, have stricter punishment for violent crimes, more funding to get illegal guns off the street, stop, the "gun free zones", and start really looking at mental health and how to help those who are mentally ill. The 2nd Amendment is not to be infringed and this and other laws trying to make it harder for a law abiding citizen to purchase firearms and protect their family is most certainly infringement! I'm also very upset by the misinformation that the CT Against Gun Violence group is putting out. They are using words such as "assassin", that may sound scary to those uniformed, causing those uninformed people to repeat misinformation. There are too many lies and misinformation coming from the side trying to get these bills passed. If I had to guess i'd have to assume nobody proposing these bills has ever fired a firearm in their life.

In closing, please do NOT support the bills listed below, a stricter assault weapon ban, or a "high capacity" magazine ban. It does nothing, but make criminals of law abiding citizens while not fixing the problem.

With utmost respect,  
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SB-600 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF A RIFLE OR SHOTGUN.

SB-601 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF ASSAULT WEAPON.

SB-604 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECURE SAFEKEEPING OF FIREARMS.

SB-605 - AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RIFLE OR SHOTGUN.

SB-606 - AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATION CRITERIA FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

SB-607 - AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

SB-608 - AN ACT PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION, IMPORTATION, TRANSFER OR SALE OF CERTAIN

## TYPES OF UNREASONABLY DANGEROUS AMMUNITION

SB-609 - AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PURCHASE OF MORE THAN ONE PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A THIRTY-DAY PERIOD.

SB-610 - AN ACT ELIMINATING THE OPTION OF OBTAINING AN ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE FOR A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

SB-611 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEE FOR ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

SB-613 - AN ACT CONCERNING GUN VIOLENCE.

SB-615 - AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS NEAR PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

HB-5950 - AN ACT REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF GUN VIOLENCE.