

To the Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention & Children's Safety:

Thank you for serving Connecticut. I am writing to you to ask you to oppose the bills in the title of this note for the reasons below.

All of these bills take away freedoms that our veterans worked so hard to keep. History shows that tyranny constantly threatens democracy. It is something that we have to work at to keep at bay. If the government starts taking away the 2nd amendment, the 1st amendment is soon to follow.

HB05112 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS HOLDING HANDGUN PERMITS.

This violates my family's privacy, and puts us in danger by giving criminals more information to use. They will know what houses to target to steal guns. It would also supply addresses of people that criminals may want revenge against, such as police and judges.

HB05268/HB05452/SB00140 - AN ACT REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE BY FIREARM OWNERS AND ESTABLISHING A SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION.

This proposal is an attempt to make guns impossible to own. You cannot buy insurance that will cover law suits by people you shoot in self defense. This would not make the public any safer. Another tax does not ensure that guns are not in the hands of the people that should not have them. Taxing ammunition is an attempt to make it harder for legal, legitimate gun owners to use their guns. There is no reason to single out gun owners for this. This would be similar to taxing automobiles at 50% -since they kill more people than guns.

SB00122 - AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON GUN USE.

Our founders wanted us to have the right to bear arms is to prevent tyranny. This proposed bill is tyrannical because it gives the government all of the power and its citizens none.

Limiting guns to a single round effectively renders them useless for defensive purposes. Almost every gun in existence can fire more than one shot. This bill would effectively take away our ability to defend ourselves in our homes.

SB00161 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE.

Limiting the number of rounds in a magazine limits our ability to defend ourselves. Many legitimate, legal gun owners own handguns that can hold 15 or more rounds. Gun owners should not be turned into criminals because they already possess these magazines. This bill does not address the issue of guns getting into the hands of criminals.

Changing the definition of an assault weapon as proposed would define many legitimate sporting weapons as assault weapons. Assault weapons are not the problem here. This is simply an attempt to deprive legitimate gun owners of their legal firearms.

Requiring a permit for a rifle with a pistol grip will not make the public any safer and again does not address the issue of keeping weapons out of the hands of those who should not have them.

Restricting the sale of ammunition will simply create a black market for ammunition. Legitimate gun owners should be able to purchase ammunition, including on the internet, without expensive tracking or permits. The criminals will still get ammunition through other sources so this will not make anyone safer.

Registration of firearms is the first step to confiscation of guns. It will do nothing to make the public safer or make police work any easier after a crime is committed. There is no reason for legal gun owners to register their guns. Criminals will certainly not register theirs.

Please oppose the aforementioned bills. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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