

Dear Task Force Members,

I am writing in OPPOSITION of the following proposed bills.

HB-5647: AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH CAPACITY FIREARMS

SB-501: AN ACT CONCERNING THE BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS

HB-5268: AN ACT REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE BY FIREARM OWNERS AND ESTABLISHING A SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION

HB-5112: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS HOLDING HANDGUN PERMITS

Along with OPPOSITION to the following, SB-140, SB-600, SB-601, SB-604, SB-605, SB-608, SB-609, SB-611, SB-613, SB-615, HB-5950.

This bi partisan movement is being treated as a joke to throw whatever can be thrown at the wall and see what sticks.

Senator Meyer has introduced a bill to limit capacity to one-shot firearms, and thinks this is feasible as a means of self defense.

WHAT are we doing here?!?!

I am not a hunter, I am not a sportsman, I am not a collector. I advocate for the RIGHT to bear arms in self defense, as protected by the Bill of Rights, and Sec. 15, Article 1 of the State Of Connecticut Constitution, and as ruled and individual right by the Supreme Court of the United States.

I am not a Police Officer, neither active duty or retired. I am not a veteran of the military. I am not of the wealth to hire body guards. I am not important enough to gain protection from the secret service, or any local, state or national agency.

I am a citizen of the state of Connecticut and the United States of America, that used to be good enough. Do not limit my effectiveness and my right to defend myself or my loved ones with arbitrary laws.

Some love to hear favor from the Police Chiefs Association, and why not, they are not on the block to be restricted, as there will certainly be exemptions for retired LEOs. I ask what danger a retired officer can be put in, that any other person can not.

There is something so ridiculous about a feature ban that it boggles the mind about who and how it ever came up. To ban a class of rifles based on the fact that they are black and look scary is completely asinine. If you take the time to research you will find that colors and ugliness do not play a role in how deadly a weapon may be and it does not make the projectile fired from that weapon any more or less deadly.

It is disgusting that this has turned into an assault on a class of people no different than any of our neighbors. We are not criminals, and we will not be shamed as such.

We have conviction, we have been fighting the attack on our rights longer than we can remember. We will continue our protests, our marches, our efforts, and when emotion has subsided and logic

has come back to the forefront we will continue with our votes, and we will vote the officials that have chosen to continue supporting our rights and freedoms.

Thank You for your consideration,  
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