

Dear Honorable State of Connecticut Senators and Representatives

With the recent Newtown tragedy, numerous bills are up for discussion concerning gun legislation. I strongly oppose the numerous proposed bills, and feel these bill unjustly target law abiding gun owners and not the criminals as it should.

HB 5112 making public the names and addresses of Gun owners.

This proposed bill is an accident waiting to happen to both gun owners and non-gun owners. A map for thieves to target people is not something anyone wants

SB 122, this proposed bill is an outright ban on all non 18th century firearms. This bill would severely limit all current legal firearm's use ,including pistols and revolvers.

HB 5268, Liability Insurance for firearms owners and high taxes for ammunition

This bill's sole purpose is to attempt to make the sport of shooting and hunting cost prohibitive.

There also numerous proposed bills calling to ban assault weapons and so called high capacity magazines. CT already has an Assault weapon ban (Sec 53-202A).

FBI statistics clearly show that these types of weapons are incremental in crimes. Please look at FBI statistical data. The Sandy Hook shooting is one of the few incidences involving a Media derived "Assault weapon" Standard capacity magazines are utilized in target shooting sport events.

A high capacity ban of standard semi-automatic pistols that are of older and no longer manufactured, do not produce magazines less than 10 rounds. A ban would make the pistols paper weights.

Please look at the financial ramifications of a redefined assault weapons ban or high capacity magazine ban affecting legal owners and CT Tax payers. If a ban is made law, I ask that you review a grandfathering clause to allow legal owners keep their legally owned items. If this is unattainable, please consider legislation that will allow the State to reimburse legal owners fair market value for their items. A lot of legal gun owners have been paying a high premium for all type capacity magazines recently. Some magazines are costing close to \$100 dollars. A vast majority of magazines less than 10 capacity are nonexistent in the current market.

Please remember Connecticut is nick named the Constitution State.

Sincerely

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