

I would like to begin my testimony by quoting the Father of this country in regard to the right to bear arms.

“A free people ought not only to be armed and disciplined, but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from any who might attempt to abuse them, which would include their own government.”

-George Washington

This is the true purpose of the Second Amendment. Those who speak of the this right referring to hunting do so out of either ignorance or out of an attempt to further an anti-second amendment agenda.

The dozens of proposals initiated in the past few weeks are a blatant violation of the Constitutional rights of law abiding American Citizens and residents of the state of Connecticut.

I oppose HB-5112: An Act Concerning The Disclosure of the Names and Addresses of Persons Holding Handgun Permits. This is not only a violation of privacy, but is offensive in that it would stigmatize law abiding gun owners as deviants who need to be monitored by the rest of the public like sex offenders. This proposal will promote further criminal activity by providing criminals a working database to focus their efforts on obtaining firearms in an unlawful manner.

I oppose any bill that would erroneously define standard capacity magazines as high capacity magazines.

I oppose any bill that would further erroneously define a semi-automatic rifle as an “assault weapon,” based on semi-automatic capability and cosmetic features.

These proposals are nothing more than an attempt to pass “feel good do nothing” legislation. Elected officials who refuse to acknowledge that criminals do not concern themselves with laws of a civil society, but yet continue to push for the rights of law abiding citizens to be taken away are power hungry individuals seeking control disguised as public servants.

Respectfully,

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