

Dear Representatives:

I'm writing you as a very concerned law-abiding citizen. I believe most of you have overlooked the fact that the bills you are trying to put in place only affect law-abiding citizens. I and others throughout the state are Americans. We must not allow, nor shall we tolerate, the actions of criminals, no matter how heinous the crimes may be. To prompt yourselves, as politicians, to enact laws that will infringe upon the liberties of responsible citizens who have broken no laws is completely unjust. We, as law-abiding citizens, business owners, military, should not be held responsible for other people's criminal actions such as the unthinkable tragedy that took place in Sandy Hook. Attempting to institute new restrictions on a fundamental constitutional right is unfair and impulsive. Only the honest, law-abiding gun owners will be affected. Until we enforce gun laws on the books against the criminals in America, it's extremely hypocritical to discuss more laws against the people who follow the rules of this country.

I strongly oppose banning large capacity ammunition magazines for the same reason above. The only people that will have large capacity magazines are the criminals. I find no substantive benefit in any bill that would make anyone safer taking large capacity ammunition magazines from law abiding citizens. Furthermore producing a bill like this would only turn law-abiding citizens into felons almost overnight. An act like this does not punish anyone for committing a crime, but rather punishes people for owning a certain object. Which in itself is no more or less dangerous than a magazine of a somewhat lesser capacity, which someone purchased legally. I strongly believe in creating and enforcing laws that punish crimes that result in a safer society. This does not accomplish that; it makes criminals out of ordinary people with a hobby that some people find offensive.

At a bare minimum, existing high-capacity clips and any other firearm should be grandfathered under any bill. Please keep in mind, these are law abiding citizens that you are affecting and citizens that paid hard earned money for these high capacity magazines and firearms you are speaking of taking away. Please don't try to infringe on someone's personal property.

The question that gun-rights advocates want to respectfully pose to those adamant on restricting high-capacity magazine and firearms ownership is not "Why does anybody need one?" but "Why should responsible citizens not be allowed to own one"?

Create laws that affect criminals and those that are thinking of doing harm to innocent people, rather than pushing an anti-second amendment agenda.

Please support your law-abiding constituents, Thank You.

Fraternally yours,

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