

School Safety Working Group
Legislative Office Building, Room 2C
Hartford, CT 06106

Honorable Members:

My name is Tara Lyon. I live in Southington, CT with my 2 children and I have a CT state permit to carry a firearm. I chose to carry a firearm as a means to protect myself and my kids should the dregs of society decide that we should be their next victims.

The sheer number of firearm bills that are being proposed is absolutely dizzying. I've read the vast majority of the bills and there are some great ideas that actually could serve the public well. But any bill proposed that renders me defenseless is unacceptable to me.

I am vehemently opposed to any bill that limits the number of rounds within a magazine or within my firearm. Perhaps more effort should be put into enforcing the existing laws instead of creating more that most certainly will not be followed by the criminal element in our society. They already make an active choice to NOT abide by the laws set forth by our government. They will not be deterred by the introduction of yet another bill aimed at gun control. Quite the opposite, as they will be met with much less resistance from the law abiding citizens that they chose to victimize. The criminals will still be equipped with whatever firearms and magazines they want. And I, the law abiding citizen will be left defenseless.

I am opposed to the following Proposed Bills:

- Proposed Bill No. 5935 An Act Concerning the Purchase and Storage of Firearms which states: (5) prohibit the purchase, sale, use and transfer of magazines holding more than **seven rounds**
- Proposed Bill No. 5949 An Act Concerning Possession of Certain Ammunition Feeding Devices which states: Prohibit individuals from possessing certain ammunition feeding devices that accept more than **ten rounds**.
- Proposed Bill No. 5950 An Act Reducing the Incidence of Gun Violence which states: Prohibit individuals from possessing certain ammunition feeding devices that accept more than **ten rounds**
- Proposed Bill No. 122 An Act Concerning Restrictions on Gun Use
The bill will establish a Class C Felony offense for “(1) any person or organization to purchase, sell, donate, transport, possess or use any gun except one **made to fire a single round**, (2) any person **to fire a gun containing more than a single round**, (3) any person or organization to receive from another state, territory or country a gun made to fire multiple rounds, or (4) any person or organization to purchase, sell, donate or possess a magazine or clip **capable of holding more than one round.**”

I don't go around brandishing my firearm, I carry quietly, discretely. I don't believe that when people walk past me on the street they see me as dangerous or as a menace to society. I'm not. And I most certainly do not think that my name and address should be disclosed because I am a permitted gun holder. With that, I must also oppose

- Proposed Bill #5112 An Act Concerning the Disclosure of the Names and Addresses of Persons holding handgun permits. If passed this bill could make me and my children potential targets for the firearms I own.
 - "The general statutes be amended to delete the provisions that make the name and address of a person who holds a permit to sell or carry a pistol or revolver or an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver confidential and not subject to the Freedom of Information Act."

In closing, I believe that any Bill proposed that limits the capacity of our firearms will only serve to limit the law abiding in their capacity to protect themselves and their loved ones. Bad people will continue to do bad things and will find their means to do it.

I will quote the 40th President of the United States Ronald Reagan, "We must reject the idea that every time a law is broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker."

Thank you,

Tara Lyon