

Dear Legislatures,

I would like to speak in **opposition** to any of the following proposed changes:

Changing the assault weapon ban characteristics from 2 to 1

reducing allowable magazine capacity

reducing the allowable cartridges in a magazine to under 10

forbidding the transfer of any so called assault weapon

Assuming reasonable actions elsewhere, I would **reluctantly support**

background checks on so called assault weapons

magazine capacity limit of 20 as many of my handguns hold between 10-17 from the factory

A buyback of any magazine with a capacity over 10 provide it was at USA market rate

Banning future importation of 30 round magazines provided all current ones are grandfathered.

Permit to possess a high capacity magazine provided one option would piggyback to my current pistol permit. There could be a separate one for those who do not have a pistol permit

I **suggest the following changes** to current law:

Eliminate the 50 oz weight for semi-auto handguns in the Assault Weapon ban. I own a Wildey, manufactured in Cheshire Ct worth well over 3000. It is a heavy, engraved and well made gun and would not be considered an assault weapon by any person. Yet because of the weight, if the allowable characteristic clause is changed from 2 to 1, it becomes an assault weapon

I would suggest an amnesty period to register all currently illegal assault weapons. The law was not publicized well and people have moved into the State with them not knowing they were illegal. **These are law abiding citizen who have inadvertently become criminals**

Prohibit those who pose a risk to the public due to mental health issues need to be prohibited from owning a firearm. You will have to open records for that.

Additionally we need to fund the trace illegal weapons and arrest & harshly prosecute violators.

**The State does not enforce & prosecute current law sufficiently.**

Another area of concern is the continued early release of violent offenders.

If we can't or won't properly punish these people, why would you ever consider creating a new class of criminal due to magazine restrictions, expanding the assault weapon ban and background checks on private long gun sales?

Sincerely,

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