

Thank you members of the Judiciary Committee for taking the time to hear me today. My name is William Brinn resident of Washington CT. I am here today to voice my opposition to SB-501 An act concerning the ban on assault weapons and an other bills proposing an update to the definition.

As it stands today the current assault weapon ban in Connecticut is flawed as any existing or recently introduced proposals in the United States The only meaningful and effective part of the ban is that which defines an assault weapon based on its operation. That definition is **"Any selective-fire firearm capable of fully automatic, semiautomatic or burst fire at the option of the user"**.

One example of these flaws is the attempt to ban a device by model, such as the Colt AR-15. That particular rifle has many similar models on the market today such as the Bushmaster AR-15. If another ban were to list that specific device it would be replaced with a similar one with another name. One example is the Tec-9 which was listed in the federal assault weapon ban of 1994 which was quickly replaced by the AB-10

The next flaw is to attempt to ban these devices based on cosmetic appearances or as the media and some government officials like to call them **"military characteristics"**. These traits generally refer to pistols grips, forward grips, telescopic stocks or folding stocks, threaded barrels and barrel shrouds. Banning devices based on such traits will not reduce the lethality of said devices as their operation and ability has not been alternated at all. If you would please look at figure 7 of the printout I provided the top rifle is currently illegal in New York and California but the bottom three are not. That printout in my opinion clearly demonstrates the ineffectiveness of past, current and future attempts to redefine what an assault weapon is.

Any ban passed would do nothing to curb violence or reduce illegal weapons on the streets. What they would accomplish is the waste of taxpayers money in attempting to regulate a fruitless ban which would be exceedingly difficult to enforce. Such a ban would also serve to criminalize law abiding citizens. I would like to also state that I do not believe such laws to be constitutional and I have yet hear of any Law past or present offering compensation for private property that would have to be turned in.

Testimony of
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Figure 1

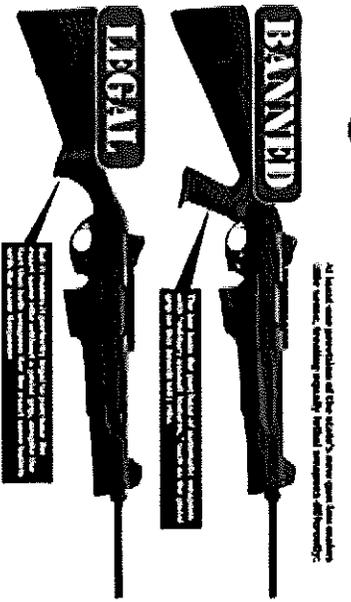
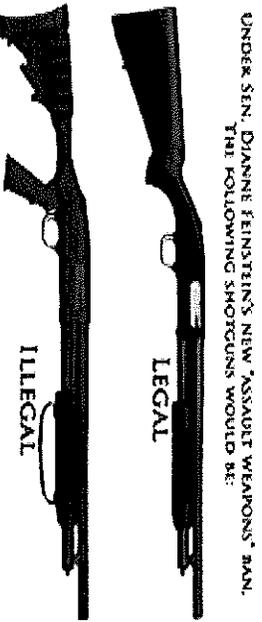


Figure 4



UNDER SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S NEW "ASSAULT WEAPONS" BAN, THE FOLLOWING SHOTGUNS WOULD BE:

THEY'RE THE EXACT SAME SHOTGUN (MOSSBERG 500), WHAT MAKES THE BOTTOM ONE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE TOP ONE? THE BOTTOM ONE HAS A "PISTOL GRIP".

Figure 7



This rifle will be illegal after a renewed Ban



These Rifles will be legal after a renewed Ban and are legal Under New York's new "tougher" Definition of assault weapon

Figure 2

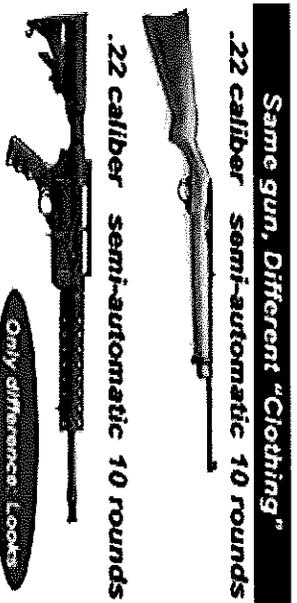


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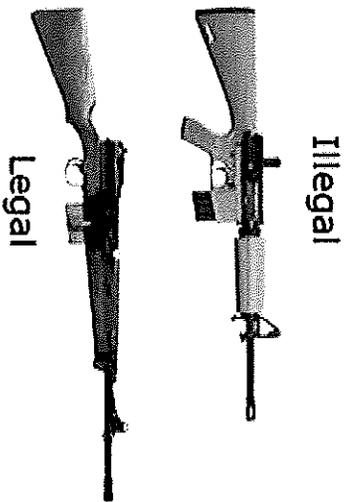


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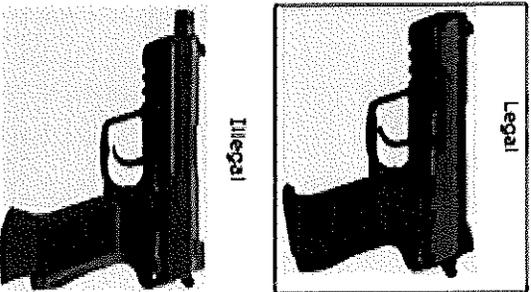


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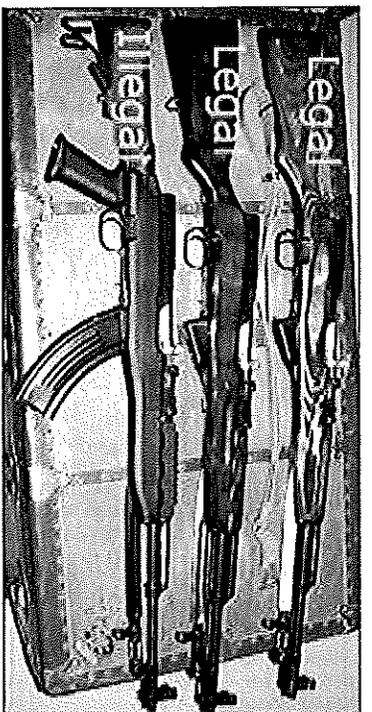
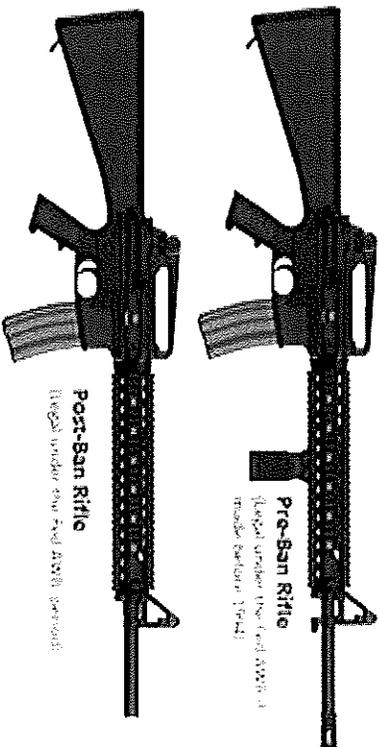


Figure 6



What's the Difference?
A few pieces of plastic furniture, somewhat altering the ergonomics