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I am submitting this to respectively voice my OPPOSITION to the following bill:

Number Title

[SB-161](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE.

My recommendation is that all of the bills noted above be rejected.

I have done nothing wrong, but would be negatively impacted by these bills. I am part of the law abiding population affected by gun bans, higher taxes on ammunition, and licensing and registration schemes. My property and rights are being targeted by these bills, though I have done nothing wrong.

None of the bills put forward thus far will have much, if any, impact on criminals or the mentally unbalanced. They are already barred from owning firearms. If mentally ill people need to be adjudicated as such before they can be placed on a prohibited person registry, then that area should be addressed, and HIPA and other privacy laws which make it impossible to determine who is mentally unbalanced should be “fixed”.

I moved to CT from New Hampshire about 12 years ago. The difference between the two states regarding gun laws is striking. Yet, New Hampshire does not have anywhere near the crime problem of CT. One must therefore conclude that the problem does not reside with guns, or the type of guns, or the amount a magazine can hold, or whether one has a license or not.

Having this perspective re the impact of these types of laws, I can see that guns are not the problem. I can also say that the criminal misuse of any item is not grounds to ban said item, or to penalize others who do not misuse that item. The firearms that this bill seek to ban are very popular, and in common use among the shooting public.

Insofar as the fees and registration goes, in my view, this bill is also clearly designed to price lower income people out of the shooting sports and to eliminate their practical ability to exercise their rights to self defense.

I respectfully ask that the bills shown above be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

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