Dear Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I hope that you will oppose **S.B. 16**: ***AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME***.

Among other problems, this bill ignores the fact that a great many antique guns do not have serial numbers. Forcing an owner of a potentially expensive and rare item to mar it by adding a serial number is both wrong, and useless in preventing crimes. Serial numbers don't prevent crimes. The typical criminal has a stolen gun, and who owned it legally has no bearing on how it's used after it's theft. I notice that the bill makes the comparison to grandfathered magazines. These also have no serial number, and were not required to have one attached. So if the bill does not intend to have pre-2019 firearms, including antiques, serialized, how can they be registered?

All of this simply points out that this bill does not focus on reducing crime, but rather simply seeks to further burden gun owners.

The remainder of the sections related to firearms are equally useless in reducing crime.

I urge you to oppose S.B. 16.

Respectfully,

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