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

You need to oppose **S.B. 16**: ***AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME***. And find real solutions to Connecticut's crime problems.

"You can't be tough on crime if you're weak on guns. Although Connecticut continues to lead the nation in this area, there is always more work to do"

This statement contained within the bill is particularly hard to stomach. Time and again we hear the same statements when a new gun bill is passed "This bill wouldn't have prevented...". And yet our legislators and CGA, etc. crow about CT's strong gun laws, but then turn around and say we have a gun violence problem; that... needs yet more gun laws. This is some real logic whiplash.

Connecticut is disturbingly weak on crime, and especially gun crimes. 70% of firearms offenses are nollied. Connecticut officers are catching and charging criminals committing firearms crimes, and prosecutors are dropping those charges. And yet the Governor purports to want to be tough on crime, by making more things illegal, rather than pushing to prosecute actual criminals committing real crimes.

There is no justification for the political grandstanding that is S.B. 16. Please reject it and push for serious prosecution of existing crimes.

Thank you,

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