Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

I vehemently **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 16

"Ghost guns" and "2022 Assault Weapons"

These are made-up terms for guns that are not any deadlier they any other firearm. Previously, you had grandfathered any made before 2019, but that's not enough for you, is it?? Why the change?

How many "ghost guns" or "assault weapons have been used in crimes? Isn't it much easier and prevalent for prohibited persons to steal or buy ordinary weapons versus these "scary" sounding weapons?

I blame the lax enforcement of EXISTING laws for ANY presence or increase in crimes committed with firearms. Rather than come up with MORE laws, why don't you prosecute the felons, especially those recidivists?

The largest percentage of gun deaths are from suicide. How many "ghost guns" or "2022 Assault Weapons" were used in suicides?

Now you want to add small rimfire rifles to the list if they have a "scary" feature? This is the ultimate display of partisan ignorance. So a rimfire rifle is legal, but add a pistol grip and now it's more deadly?

Restrictions to Carrying

Are you aware of the push for this section of the bill? Newtown Action Alliance has tried repeatedly to ban the open carrying of firearms at rallies and demonstrations, claiming that they were "threatened" by Second Amendment advocates. Time and time again, this was defeated at the local level with NO evidence of any disturbance or even a police report. Surely you can recall that CCDL has had numerous rallies outside the Capital with firearms in plain sight. Zero instances of crimes or violence.

"Show Me Your Papers"

This has been struck down repeatedly, often times from urban representatives.

State Permit to Sell

This is redundant. FFLs are already licensed federally. This is simply more bureaucracy and a way for the state to get money from and on the backs of small businesses. I also suspect that this is a way to reduce FFLs and therefore accomplish your agenda of eroding the Second Amendment

Safe Storage

Your proposal to require gun locks on all firearms sold is laughable. These locks are easily defeated with a screwdriver AND there is no way to enforce it once the firearm is in someone's home.

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