Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom and members of the Judiciary Committee:

Know that I OPPOSE SB 16 and Raised HB 5416!!!!!!

SB 16 wants to address juvenile crime. That is laudable, and needed, but why ALL of the other parts of this bill that would not apply to juveniles who are already prohibited from purchasing and/or carrying firearms?

Predictably, this bill seeks to make more things illegal for the people who aren't committing crimes. I am willing to bet that the vast majority of "ghost guns" and "assault weapons" are NOT used in crimes. Speaking of crimes...

70% of firearms crimes are nolled. However, instead of trying to reduce crime through enforcement of existing laws, SB 16 seeks to create more laws which law-abiding gun will follow and criminals will ignore because they know the risk of prosecution is so low.

For years, gun owners and the Connecticut Citizen's Defense League has been asking for funding for the Statewide Firearms Trafficking Task Force. While I am happy that Governor Lamont has proposed this, I find it offensive that it is FINALLY being considered in his election year and accompanied with his declaration that we have "too many damn guns".

Raised HB 5416 wants to limit the number of firearms lawful people can acquire??? More madness from Hartford.

Know that I OPPOSE H.B. No. 5416 - AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Sincerely,

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