

Judiciary Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

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AN ACT CONCERNING CONVERTIBLE PISTOLS AND UNFINISHED FRAMES
Title: OR UNFINISHED LOWER RECEIVERS.

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Introduced by the Governor Pursuant to Joint Rule 9

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill prohibits the future sale of new handguns that can be easily converted into fully automatic machine guns. It holds manufacturers to the standard that, in order to sell their pistols in Connecticut, they cannot be designed to accept a switch that would convert them to an automatic weapon.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language clarifies the definition of “rate of fire enhancement” and “barrel”, the list of “common household tools”, and that the prohibition on sales applies to large manufacturers.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Ned Lamont, Governor, State of Connecticut: Governor Lamont supports this legislation. Currently, machine guns are illegal in every state, including Connecticut, but they are turning up on our streets thanks to DIY machine gun pistols. The switch that converts these handguns is about the size of a quarter and allows the handguns to continue firing as long as the trigger is pressed. It has been reported by police they’re cheap and easy to find online. ATF reports between 2019 to 2023 they have recovered more than 31,000 machine gun conversion devices and this threat is making its way to Connecticut as between 2023 and 2024, officers in Hartford reported confiscating 51 switches. By holding manufacturers to a basic safety standard this bill would protect our residents. A pistol sold in Connecticut should not accept a switch to convert it to an automatic weapon.

Commissioner Ronnell A. Higgins, Department of Emergency Services and Public

Protection: Firearms that can be converted to an automatic firearm are particularly concerning. The capacity of a single individual having the ability to discharge a high volume of rounds in a very short period will dramatically increase the potential for mass casualty incidents. This legislation will address this risk by limiting access to these firearms and assist law enforcement in preventing the proliferation of weapons that can be modified. DESPP supports efforts that will give law enforcement the clear statutory tools to address the emerging firearm technology while respecting law-abiding citizens Second Amendment rights.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA): CPCA supports this bill as over the last decade they have seen an increase in the rate of modified semi-automatic firearms. The increase in the rounds fired increases the likelihood that a police officer or a member of the public will be struck. CPCA is supportive of the increase in penalties and is hopeful less switches will end up on our streets.

Martin M. Looney, Senator, President Pro Tempore: Senator Looney supports this bill. The so-called "Glock Switches" which can convert an ordinary pistol into a fully automatic weapon are inexpensive and available for purchase on the internet. Connecticut cannot allow these dangerous devices to be used in our state. Illinois has proposed legislation, The Responsibility in Firearm Legislation (RIFL) Act, this legislation is an innovative approach that will hold manufacturers and sellers responsible.

Shari Cantor, Mayor, Town of West Hartford: Mayor Cantor supports this bill. Though Connecticut has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, there is a rapid emergence of technology that undermines those protections. Requiring a manufacturer to redesign a handgun so it cannot accept an illegal conversion device is reasonable and preventative. Police departments work to keep our communities safe, and they should not be confronted by weapons that have been illegally converted into a machine gun. This is a practical, forward-looking policy and is a balanced step to support public safety and responsible gun ownership.

Anthony Yoder, DO, MPH, FACP, American College of Physicians: Anthony Yoder supports this bill. The medical profession has a special responsibility to speak out on firearm-related injuries and deaths, as they do on other public health issues. Gun deaths continue to be a preventable crisis, but it continues to take its toll in neighborhoods, homes, workplaces, and other public and private locations. The ACP realizes that it needs to respect the Second Amendment and at the same time advocate for reasonable evidence-based solutions to address this crisis. HB5043 is a protection against preventable gun violence and death when modifications are made to handguns.

Stacy Bosco: Stacy Bosco supports this bill. This bill is timely and important. It is time to address and update the language of the law to address the ever-more-available convertible pistols. The switches can make pistols rapid fire and can be made with a 3D printer. She believes pistols sold in Connecticut should not be designed to accept the switch.

Rich Boritz: Rich Boritz supports this bill as with new technology ordinary pistols can become rapid fire. The Glock switches are small and inexpensive and using commonly used household tools can convert semi-automatic pistols to fully automatic weapons. As the use of Glock switches rise, so do casualties; these switches are cheap, accessible, and deadly. Please close the gap to protect the residents of the state.

Beth Bonney: Beth Bonney supports this bill. Residents of Connecticut should be able to carry on with their everyday lives without fear of crossing paths with someone with an automatic weapon. Outlawing the switches has not been enough and the guns that the switches can be attached to also need to be outlawed.

Carly Corrigan, Volunteer, CT Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America: Carly Corrigan supports this bill as machine guns are illegal in all 50 states, certain pistols can be easily converted to fully automatic weapons. She believes that these fully automatic weapons are a very real lethal threat in our communities. Gun makers would rather enjoy the profits rather than fix the design and therefore we must pass legislation that will force them to do so.

Dean Delach: Dean Delach supports this bill. He finds it disheartening that gun manufacturers find a way to avoid the laws that are designed to protect people from rapid fire machine guns and ghost guns. This bill will stay on top of the evolving technologies.

Karen Edwards, MD MPH: Karen Edwards supports this bill. Handguns that can be illegally converted to a machine gun should have limitations placed on them. The switches which can now be manufactured with a 3-D printer are becoming more common.

Marty Isaac, Board Chair of the CAGV Education Fund: Marty Isaac supports this bill. Given the new developments in firearm technology it is possible to evade Connecticut gun laws and the ability to convert a handgun to a dangerous gun with increased fire rates. This will require that manufacturers have basic safety standards that do not allow for pistols to accept illegal switches.

Mary Ann Jacob: Mary Ann Jacob supports HB5043 as it will strengthen Connecticut gun laws and we will continue to be a leader in gun violence prevention. As a survivor of gun violence, she knows the importance in strong gun laws. This bill will hold manufacturers accountable and will require that pistols sold in our state will be unable to accept these switches.

Aidan Lapatine: Aidan Lapatine supports this bill as he believes it is a common-sense gun law and will save lives. This is an easy fix preventing the ability of a handgun becoming a machine gun. Current owners of these handguns can keep them, it targets an industry that makes machine gun conversion possible in the first place.

Elizabeth Ryan, Policy Counsel, Everytown for Gun Safety: Everytown for Gun Safety supports this bill. They believe that if a pistol can be converted into a machine gun Connecticut should ban the sale in the state. By getting these guns off the shelf it will push the manufacturers to modify the design. From 2019 to 2023, gun conversion devices, including switches, have increased 784% however gun manufacturers refuse to address the problem.

Po Murray, Chairwoman of Newtown Action Alliance: Po Murray supports this bill. Law enforcement agencies across the country are encountering the small devices used to convert semi-automatic handguns into machine guns. ATF has reported more than 31,000 machine-gun conversion devices have been confiscated in the last five years. Preventing the firearms that are designed to accept these conversion devices from entering the market is commonsense.

Elias Theodore, Yale University Student, Ward 1 Alder: Elias Theodore supports this bill as a student and an Alder. Being in elementary school the day the Sandy Hook shooting happened, his parents worked hard to explain the unexplainable. Now representing New Haven, the impact of gun violence continues, and this bill would strengthen the Connecticut's existing gun laws by closing this dangerous loophole.

The following students support this bill. They feel fortunate to have grown up in Connecticut, however in their school years their education has been interspersed by monthly lock-down drills. They would argue that handguns which can be converted into a fully automatic weapon with a common household tool and a cheap piece of plastic is a growing danger to public safety. ATF data shows that recovery of machine gun conversion devices, including switches, has increased 784% from 2019 to 2023. Stricter gun regulations can make schools and communities safer.

Alexandra Martinez-Garcia

Alivia Seard

Adriana Petrizzo

Audrey Nichols

Alex Garcia

Lizbeth Lopez

Grayson Morin

Jane Morin

3 Anonymous

Anonymous 606, 620: Testimony submitted without attribution was submitted in support of this bill. Though machine guns are illegal in Connecticut, they continue to show up on our streets thanks to the DIY machine guns. The fix is simple stop manufacturing handguns that can be converted to machine guns. By installing the "switch", pistols are easily converted into machine guns. ATF has data that shows between 2019 and 2023, machine gun conversion device recoveries increased by 784%. Stopping the sale of pistols that can be easily converted is common sense.

Anonymous 640: Testimony submitted without attribution was submitted in support of this bill. The manufacture and sale of semi-automatic sale of pistols that have the capability to be converted to a machine gun should be prohibited. Civilians do not need machine guns or weapons of war/mass destruction.

Other testimony: Due to the quantity of testimony received for this bill, it is not possible to provide a written summary for each individual submission. Of the remaining testimonies in support of the bill, the following was expressed.

12 pieces of testimony were submitted in support of this legislation.

8 pieces of testimony were submitted in support of this legislation citing that guns that accept "Glock switches" do not belong on the streets.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Michael R. Criss, First Selectman, Town of Harwinton: Michael R. Criss opposes this bill. Public safety is a shared priority; however, this bill raises significant concerns regarding constitutional rights, enforcement practicality, fairness to lawful gun owners and unintended consequences for law-abiding residents and businesses. He believes the ban will focus on banning a specific firearm and not the criminal misuse of illegal conversion devices. Enforcing this law will be difficult as it is based on internal modifications that will require technical analysis. This bill needs to be evaluated to see if it effectively addresses criminal misuse while preserving clarity and fairness to law-abiding citizens.

Erin E. Stewart, Former Mayor, City of New Britain: Erin Stewart opposes this bill, she believes this would effectively be a ban on a commonly owned semi-automatic handgun by labeling them “convertible.” This bill would put the burden on those responsible gunowners who are law-abiding citizens and follow Connecticut firearm laws. Reclassifying and restricting their transfer could turn responsible residents into felons overnight even when they are legally purchased and maintained. The focus should be on enforcing existing gun laws.

Rob Sampson, Senator, Senior Deputy Republican Leader: Senator Sampson opposes this bill. These handguns are the most common used for lawful purposes, people buy them for protection, training, sport shooting and it is often the most practical for first time gun owners. Conversion devices are illegal on the federal and state level and have been for decades. Connecticut has some of the most rigorous gun laws in the country and this is why this proposal is frustrating. Banning this common firearm will not make Connecticut safer.

Anne Manusky, National Director, Connecticut Republican Assembly: Anne Manusky opposes this bill. If you support this legislation, you restrict our natural, inherent right to bear arms afforded by the U.S. Constitution and the State of Connecticut Constitution.

Betsy McCaughey, Ph.D, Republican Candidate for Governor of Connecticut: Betsy McCaughey opposes this bill. By redefining common firearms as prohibited devices and ordinary parts as regulated weapons it becomes evident that the goal is no longer to prevent crime but to regulate the firearm out of existence.

Christopher Abbott: Christopher Abbott opposes this bill. HB5043 regulates firearms on hypothetical modifications and duplicates the existing federal machine-gun laws. It also targets a commonly owned handgun. There are serious Second Amendment concerns regarding this bill. A more effective approach would be to address the illegal conversion devices directly.

Joe Ala: Joe Ala opposes this bill. The “Common Household Tools standard is unconstitutionally vague. This is a broad metric and categorizes dozens of federally legal handguns. There is redundancy in this bill as switches and sears are already classified as machine guns. This may cause compliant manufacturers to skip the Connecticut market entirely and this would have a chilling effect on legitimate commerce without demonstrating public safety. Conclusion legislation should be precise, and this bill could turn law-abiding citizens into felons overnight. The bill should be rejected or amended to focus on the illegal conversion.

Michael Almeida, John Rogers, Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Inc. and Four other CCDL Anonymous Members: Michael Almeida, John Rogers, and other members of CCDL oppose this bill. It punishes law-abiding citizens while eroding the right of self-defense. Under current law, machine gun devices are illegal and those who illegally convert these handguns are already breaking the law. They believe this bill is unconstitutional under the Supreme Court decisions of Heller and McDonald. The terms used in this bill are vague and this bill will face constitutional scrutiny as gun laws need to be consistent with the nation's historical firearm regulations.

Paul Amendola: Paul Amendola opposes this bill. Existing law should be enforced for those who break the law and convert the semi-automatic pistols to fully automatic guns. This bill will punish law-abiding citizens who follow the law and do not own or convert firearms to machine guns. The term "readily convertible" is subjective and vague. This bill bans the host firearm and does not just ban a specific dangerous accessory. The state should seek other solutions to the gun violence instead of punishing law-abiding citizens.

125 Members of the Connecticut Chapter of Socialist Rifle Association: 125 Members of the CT Chapter of Socialist Rifle Association oppose this bill. All the residents of Connecticut agree that public safety is a priority, however this proposal raises serious concerns regarding constitutional rights and the effectiveness of the restrictions proposed. There are a wide variety of handguns, and they were never designed to be illegally modified, this penalizes lawful owners of these handguns and the retailers who comply with the law. Being a lawful gun owner no longer is confined to a single political or cultural demographic, many of the members are Democrats and Independents. Many in the state will consider this an attack on their constitutional rights.

Ralph Baldassarri and D. Baldassarri: Ralph Baldassarri and D. Baldassarri oppose this bill. Connecticut has the most stringent gun permitting systems in the country and those who complete the process are usually responsible, law-abiding citizens. Currently, Glock switches are illegal and classified as machine guns, those who convert handguns are already ignoring the law. The US Supreme Court has protected gun rights in the DC v. Heller decision.

Devion Knowles: Devion Knowles opposes this bill. In the United States, Connecticut has the most comprehensive firearm regulations. Newly proposed laws continue to be introduced though the trend in crime rates suggest that broader social and economic factors drive the change in crime. The conversion devices are already illegal at the state and federal level, this creates redundancy and confusion for lawful gunowners and manufacturers. This law will primarily burden law-abiding citizens.

Dom Basile: Dom Basile opposes this bill. As a firearm instructor of nearly 35 years, 95% want to obtain a gun for defensive purposes. I practice what I preach, and my everyday carry gun is a Glock, as a defensive tool it is reliable and dependable. With this bill you will be depriving your constituents of a Glock style pistol that is affordable and dependable.

Andrew Barton: Andrew Barton opposes this bill. This bill is designed to disarm law abiding citizens who have a constitutional right to possess firearms. The residents of Connecticut want the legislature to pass laws that restrict criminal behavior and punish criminals. There is a long-standing problem with mental illness. In response to crime, they have closed the

Connecticut Juvenile Training School making it more difficult for the juveniles to have access to resources to help with rehabilitation. Connecticut politicians need to refresh their memory or read Second Amendment to the Constitution.

James M. Belanger, III: James M. Belanger, III opposes this bill. Mr. Belanger submitted an extensive paper regarding Gun Violence in America. As a society we in America need to thoughtfully consider effective approaches to protect our children and our rights.

Julie Blair: Julie Blair opposes this bill. This is another attempt to expand Connecticut's already extensive firearm restrictions. While it is illegal to convert handguns to a machine gun, this bill attempts to prohibit the manufacture of semiautomatic pistols that lawmakers believe can be made into automatic weapons. The bill's definition of "convertible pistol" is vague and expansive; it could apply to widely, owned mainstream firearms. There are millions of Americans who own these firearms for lawful use.

Ann Bogucki: Ann Bogucki opposes this bill. Redefining components of a firearm do not make the component a firearm. Individually the components cannot discharge a projectile and cause harm. This law will impact law-abiding citizens and legitimate businesses such as guns stores and sporting-goods stores. This bill does not make anyone safer, nor does it stop crime.

Nicholas Buonanni: Nicholas Buonanni opposes this bill. This bill will impact law abiding citizens. It is redundant as machine guns are illegal and Glock does not manufacture these devices. Criminals show they are willing to commit crimes, and this is misdirected enforcement. The focus should be on those breaking the law and converting the pistols into machine guns. The Supreme Court has ruled on several of these topics in the DC v. Heller decision and the Bruen decision. The definitions in this bill are vague and technically overreaching. This is an attempt to bypass the Second Amendment.

Sean Cady: Sean Cady opposes this bill. The definitions in this bill are vague. Under current federal and state law, machine gun devices are illegal. The target of this bill is not an exotic and unusual weapon. There are constitutional concerns as well as established by US Supreme Court in DC v. Heller that firearms that are in common use and for lawful purposes are protected by the Second Amendment. This bill harms law-abiding citizens.

Thomas Davis, Owner, Tom's Firearms, LLC, and Naugatuck Rifle Company: Thomas Davis opposes this bill. Law-abiding citizens continue to be punished, however the criminals that are converting these firearms are rarely prosecuted or are given minimum sentences. Instead of punishing gun companies, buyers, and collectors, maybe go after Chinese companies that are selling these devices on the internet or the criminals.

Lindsay DiBella, Tobacco Valley Gun, LLC: Lindsay DiBella opposes this bill. As a woman, she is concerned that this bill will limit access to a commonly owned firearm. In addition, this bill will create a felony for distributing or offering these firearms for sale in the state, this will impact small business, including licensed gun dealers. Disproportionately woman have unique safety risks and the ability to choose a dependable and effective defensive firearm is practical and in some cases lifesaving.

Aaron Dorr, Executive Director, Connecticut Firearms Association: Aaron Dorr opposes this bill. He believes this bill does nothing to stop criminals from committing crimes and only impacts law-abiding citizens and this is not for public safety but for disarmament. Connecticut already has strict firearm policies; however, this bill has obvious Constitutional problems. According to the Supreme Court's Bruen decision it was made clear that modern gun regulations must be consistent with the nation's historical firearm regulations.

Brooke Cheney: Brooke Cheney opposes this bill as it is presented as a public safety measure, however it regulates lawful gun ownership. Laws should target criminal behavior without burdening responsible citizens. Federal law already bans machine guns and conversion devices, and this bill punishes gun owners without addressing criminal behavior.

Matthew Grauer: Matthew Grauer opposes this bill. While placing additional firearm restrictions on law-abiding citizens it is worth noting that Connecticut already has a firearm death rate that is about 50% lower than the national average. Eighty percent of the gun violence in the state is concentrated in Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven, and Waterbury. Connecticut has approximately 170,000 pistol permit holders who have undergone a rigorous background check, yet this type of legislation continues which would focus on those citizens rather than addressing violent crime.

Robert Haigh: Robert Haigh opposes this bill. The bill proposes to ban striker-fired pistols due to the fact a third-party illegal device can be attached to convert to an automatic fire. The conversion is already illegal under federal and Connecticut law. The Supreme Court decision of Heller protects weapons in common use by law-abiding citizens, therefore this bill will cost the taxpayers years of constitutional litigation.

Peter D. Herger, Esq., Attorney and Counselor at Law, The Law Offices of Peter Herger, Esq.: Peter Herger opposes this bill. This is a misguided rallying cry to justify unconstitutional measures against lawful possession, purchase, transfer, and sale of firearms such as the odious bills currently before the committee. The US Supreme Court made two decisions regarding the Constitutional right to bear arms, DC v. Heller (2008) and NY State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. V. Bruen (2022). The Heller decision guiding the precedent of the unconstitutionality of any kind of handgun ban and the Bruen decision was the government must justify its regulation by demonstrating it is consistent with the nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. This bill should be rejected.

Ronald Trapani: Ronald Trapani opposes this bill. As a citizen he is concerned over the bill's redefinitions, its constitutional vulnerabilities, and practical consequences for lawful gunowners. The technical definitions are vague, overboard, and unworkable, it also redefines an ordinary firearm as "machine gun". This bill burdens law-abiding citizens while criminals are not affected, it also has several constitutional concerns which will invite litigation. Connecticut firearms industry will also be impacted by this bill. The focus should be on the illegal devices themselves.

Jordan Levine, Founder, A Better Way 2A: Jordan Levin opposes this bill. Connecticut has some of the strictest gun laws in the country, however violence grows out of a deeper condition than this legislation addresses directly. We all want the same thing: safer communities and fewer people harmed by violence. This bill does not address the illegal pathways that supply most guns used in crimes.

Skye Riggleman, State Director-Connecticut, NRA, Institute for Legislative Action:

Skye Riggleman opposes this bill. It has been affirmed time and time again that the Second Amendment grants individuals the right to possess common firearms for lawful purposes. The overreach of this bill is unconstitutional. The firearms industry should not be penalized for the actions of a few that actively violate the laws already on the books.

Yamil P: Yamil P. opposes this bill. He believes there are several reasons to oppose this bill, he has concerns over personal freedom, impact on vulnerable communities, it could have economic implications and lacks evidence-based support. There could be unintended consequences if this passes and the issue calls for alternative solutions.

Anonymous 92: Testimony submitted without attribution was submitted in opposition. There are serious concerns as HB5043 restricts a commonly owned firearm based on the concept they can be readily converted. Many pistols share similar mechanics and to define them with this vague and broad term is a way to ban this widely used firearm. Expanding restrictions on a commonly owned firearm will not address the criminals but citizens who follow the law.

Anonymous 89: Testimony submitted without attribution was submitted in opposition to this bill. This bill turns this currently legal semiautomatic pistol into a prohibited item. Many of these firearms are a commonly owned handgun used responsibly for self-defense, sport shooting and lawful purposes. This bill will criminalize lawful owners into criminals overnight and does nothing to address the cause of gun violence.

Anonymous 113, 43, 435: Testimony submitted without attribution was submitted in opposition. This bill punishes the wrong people and Connecticut already has a rigorous pistol permit process. Machine gun devices are illegal, and the Glock does not manufacture these devices. The Glock Switch is already classified as a machine gun under federal and state law. This bill violates the "Common use" precedent that was decided in District of Columbia v. Heller (2008). The Court also decided in Bruen that gun laws need to be consistent with the nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. This bill attempts to bypass the Second Amendment.

Anonymous 148: Testimony submitted without attribution was submitted in opposition. One of the most important responsibilities of the government is public safety and at the same time it is important to protect the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens. Devices that convert semi-automatic firearms to fully automatic weapons are already illegal. They should encourage legislation that will focus on criminals and illegal firearms, that will enforce existing laws, promote responsible and safe storage of firearms, and protect the constitutional rights of lawful gun owners. Additional legislation should be carefully considered to ensure it improves safety while maintain the rights guaranteed to citizens.

Anonymous 241, 335 Testimony submitted without attribution was submitted in opposition to this bill. Connecticut has comprehensive firearm regulations and law-abiding citizens have followed them all. Law-abiding citizens are subjected to expanding restrictions that may limit their ability to exercise lawful activities. Effective principle should address the criminal misuse of firearms rather than additional barriers to responsible residents who follow the laws.

Anonymous 321: Testimony submitted without attribution was submitted in opposition to this bill. This is not a budgetary bill; it is purely a gun-control measure that deserves full public scrutiny from the Judiciary Committee and should not be buried as a budgetary pretext. This bill is unconstitutional, and the US Supreme Court has been crystal clear in the DC v. Heller decision in 2008. HB5043 fails on every test. It is a ban on the host firearm and does not regulate the accessory.

Anonymous 407,550: Testimony submitted without attribution was submitted in opposition to this bill. Under current federal and state law it is prohibited to convert a semi-automatic firearm to fully automatic. This bill creates redundant layers of regulation. The language is vague and could be broadly interpreted. Those who are intent on illegal activity are bypassing existing regulations.

Anonymous 681: Testimony submitted without attribution was submitted in opposition. The language in this bill is ambiguous and fails to be specific. This causes the bill to unnecessarily infringe on the Second Amendment. The firearm restrictions in Connecticut have introduced a disturbing precedent. They asked about assurances regarding stopping future government administrations from infringing on our Constitutional rights in the same manner as it is being done in this bill. Though the Second Amendment may not be popular among Democratic supporters, it is essential our rights be preserved. Please continue to enforce common sense regulations.

The following individuals oppose the bill as they believe it has an impact on the wrong people who follow the laws in the State of Connecticut, while eroding self-defense rights. Machine guns and conversion devices are already illegal at the federal and state level and this bill is redundant and not effective for public safety. It impacts law-abiding hobbyists by interfering with legal customization and routine repairs. This bill will have a negative impact on them and their communities.

Christopher Cornett

Eddie Cortes

Ricky Daigle

The following oppose this bill. Connecticut is known as The Constitution State and that is not just symbolic but reflects the state's history. However, HB5043 raises serious Constitutional concerns as it is a Second Amendment right to bear arms. The terms in this bill are vague and overly broad. Those who misuse firearms are already violating several laws and new prohibitions do not address their criminal intent. Connecticut lawmakers take an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Connecticut, and this requires more than just a symbolic acknowledgement. It requires protection of those rights.

Aaron Trotochaud

Nunno Laura

Jared Wolff

Jason Wigmore

Jeffrey Yale

Keven Larocque

Jeffrey Pechman

Jeffrey Murray

Robert O'Connell

Jennifer Ouelette

Stephen Ouelette

The following oppose this bill as they expressed that all gun regulations fly in the face of the Second Amendment. Any politician that is willing to ignore the Second Amendment will also ignore many other amendments or any article of the Constitution that they disagree with.

Governor Lamont and other politicians are targeting laws against law-abiding Connecticut gun owners.

Omer Hoke
Alex Lapinski
Sal Simsek
Annetta Simsek
Teoman Turut

The following people oppose this bill as they feel it is technically vague and creates a gray area for law-abiding citizens. The language in the bill is vague, has redundancy in current federal law, and could cause an economic impact on compliant manufacturers. Legislation needs to be precise and currently HB5043 relies on broad definitions. At minimum, the bill should be amended to focus on the act of illegal conversion and the conversion device and not the mechanical design of standard automatic pistols.

Steven Bassett
Miranda Caruso
Morgan Tirrell
Aiden Tolisano
Tom Tischofer
Edwin Diaz
Eric Weskoski
Corey White
John Ziminski
Michael Yuscavich
Alex Barrett
Sean Barrett
Michael Berthiaume
Aaron Mianzon
Greg Bojarski
Leo Bocwinski
Thomas Burnham
Steve Burnham
Connor Canning
Alex Caruso
Collin Caruso
John Cavanaugh
Will Cashman
Kelly Cashman

Chris Chiapponi
Ethan Clarke
Marc Cinadon
Charles Cliff
Jorge Colognedejesus
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Nicholas Delian
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Myra Diaz
Edwin Diaz
Karolee DiRenza
Chris DiRenza
Corey Downs
Michael Duncan
David LaDuke
Christopher Lattanzio
Ryan Van-Leuvan
Paula Faber
Quinn Fahey
Martin Faber
Arthur Fleming
John Fiske
Jamie Gougan
Loren Gough
Tyler Grant
Ethan Gray
Roger Hart
Doug Hart
Tristan Harrison
Will Karszes
Seth Karszes
Blaine Kinney
Nick Kittle
John Koehler
Jason Koehler
Robert Koczeri
Michael Latonie

Joshua Larensen
Michael Leander
Dustin Schwietzer
Phil Orzel
Nate Sandone
Jay Wood
Katie Risley
Anthony Sanluis
Sherman Stewart
Jacob Raushenbach
Eric Raushenbach
Thomas Viviano
Jeffrey Stone
Quinn Patterson
Sean Pescatello
Michael Wilson
Matt Sedgwick
David Sprafke
Joseph Vogel
Michael Smyrski
Michael St. Laurent
Sam Ludwig
Geraldo Luciano
Jeff Minton
Rebecca Miller
Hunter Miller
Logan Tanquay
Anonymous 191. 202,
220,222, 229,

The following people are opposed to this bill as it will impact law-abiding citizens that hold a CT Permit. This bill punishes the wrong people and erodes the ability for citizens to defend themselves. Machine guns are illegal at the state and federal level, criminals do not follow the laws. The bill is also unconstitutional as it bans an entire class of firearms and the terms in the bill are vague and subjective. Enforce the current laws and do not find a solution to a problem that attempts to bypass the Second Amendment.

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| <u>Christopher Cook</u> | <u>Oswaldo Cortes Torres</u> | <u>Priscilla Davila</u> |
| <u>Joseph McCallum</u> | <u>Noah Nanfito</u> | <u>Luis Nesprido</u> |
| <u>Antonio Panagiotakis</u> | <u>David Pelizzari</u> | <u>Thomas Turon</u> |
| <u>Gary Sylvestre</u> | <u>Curtis Temple</u> | <u>Matthew Shove</u> |
| <u>Daniel Trudel</u> | <u>Jack Rodriguez</u> | <u>Nathan Trombley</u> |
| <u>William Quinn</u> | <u>Rebecca Quinn</u> | <u>Brendan Reynolds</u> |
| <u>Darrel Sacchi</u> | <u>Robert Vieira</u> | <u>George White</u> |
| <u>Joshua Centeno</u> | <u>Nichols Buonanni</u> | <u>Anonymous 441, 438</u> |

Other testimony: Due to the quantity of testimony received for this bill, it is not possible to provide a written summary for each individual submission. Of the remaining testimonies in support of the bill, the following was expressed:

617 pieces of testimony were submitted solely in opposition to this legislation.

541 pieces of testimony were submitted in opposition to this legislation as it impacts law-abiding citizens who own handguns namely the Glock and these citizens are being punished due to illegal activity. Creating additional restrictions harms the law-abiding citizen while not punishing the criminals by not enforcing existing laws. Converting a gun with a “Glock switch” to a machine gun is already illegal on the federal and the state level. HB5043 infringes on the Second Amendment.

571 pieces of testimony were submitted in opposition to this legislation as it is against the U.S. Constitution and the Connecticut Constitution. The US Supreme Court has made three decisions regarding gun regulations. The New York State Rifle & Pistol Assoc. v. Bruen which reaffirmed the right to carry a gun outside the home for protection is protected by the Constitution. Also, the McDonald v. City of Chicago decision made clear that the Second Amendment applies to the states through the 14th amendment and in the decision of District of Columbia v. Heller, the Supreme Court confirmed individuals have a fundamental right to possess firearms for lawful purposes such as self-defense.

Reported by: Bonnie Gray

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