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Commissioner Reuben Bradford
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, CT 06457


Dear Commissioner Bradford,


As the January 1, 2014 deadline to declare large capacity magazines and register assault weapons is fast approaching, we are hearing continued confusion from our constituents. To better serve them and help alleviate congestion at DESPP, we respectfully request the January 1 deadline be extended.

The main sources of confusion are specifically what needs to be registered and which form to fill out to declare or register certain firearms. With added time, some clarity can be provided to the gun owners trying desperately to remain law-abiding.

While we understand the timeframe DESPP was given specifically declares January 1, 2014 as the cutoff date and the Department has worked tirelessly to create a feasible procedure for registering and declaring firearms and ammunition prior to that, we feel it is beneficial to all parties to extend that deadline.

Sincerely,


Joe Markley
State Senator
Sixteenth District


Rob Sampson
State Representative
Eightieth District

cc: Scott DeVico, Legislative Liaison