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Reuben F. Bradford, Commissioner
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
1111 Country Club Road
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Dear Commissioner Bradford,

Public Act 13-3 made significant changes to Connecticut's gun laws, many of which placed new responsibilities on gun owners. It has come to my attention that many gun owners in Connecticut may not be aware of the recently enacted laws which:

- Expand the list of firearms prohibited under Connecticut's assault weapons ban
- Require certification of assault weapons purchased on or prior to April 4, 2013
- Require the declaration of high capacity magazines purchased on or prior to April 4, 2013
- Require an ammunition eligibility certificate to purchase ammunition

Since PA 13-3 requires citizens to obtain certification for assault weapons and high capacity magazines by January 1, 2014, I urge DESPP to do everything within its ability to inform the public about these regulations and to ensure that citizens are given ample opportunity to comply with them. Mailing an explanation of the new laws to current pistol permit holders, and placing reminder notices in local newspapers would be effective ways for the department to reach many gun owners with qualifying weapons and magazines that they have yet to declare.

Facilitating the declaration of currently owned assault rifles and high capacity magazines is important if these regulations are to serve their intended purpose, and if the public is to continue to enjoy its right to gun ownership in a manner consistent with state law. I deeply appreciate the good work that DESPP is doing to implement these regulations and to create a safer environment in our state and hope that you will give these recommendations your consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Toni Boucher
State Senator