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SENATE BILL ***433***

AN ACT relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess handguns and ammunition.

SPONSORS: Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Sen. Cohen, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the sale or transfer of handguns or ammunition to persons under the age of 21, except where the firearm in question is strictly used for game hunting or target shooting, or where the transferee is a law enforcement official.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

AN ACT relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess handguns and ammunition.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Purchase or Possession of Handguns or Ammunition by Persons Under 21 years of Age. Amend RSA 159:12 to read as follows:

159:12 Sale to [~~Minors~~] ***Persons under the age of 21***. Any person who shall sell, barter, hire, lend or give to any [~~minor~~] ***person under the age of 21*** any pistol or revolver shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. This section shall not apply to fathers, mothers, guardians, administrators or executors who give a revolver to their children or wards or to heirs to an estate, ***or where the weapon in question is strictly used by persons employed as law enforcement officials, or for game hunting or target shooting in the presence of an adult. Sellers or transferors shall also be subject to revocation of their licenses to sell firearms and rifles.***

2 Furnishing Arms to Persons Under the Age of 21. Amend RSA 644:15 to read as follows:

644:15 Furnishing Arms to Persons Under [~~16~~] ***21***.

I. Any person who shall sell, barter, hire, lend or give to any person under the age of [~~16~~] ***21*** years any [~~cartridges or shotshells~~] ***ammunition*** suitable for discharging in any [~~rifle,~~] pistol ***or*** revolver [~~or shotgun~~] shall be guilty of a violation.

II. This section shall not apply to fathers, mothers or guardians of such children.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Amendments

Sen. Larsen, Dist. 15
January 18, 2000
2000-3118s
05/09

Amendment to SB 433

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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II. Any person who shall sell, barter, hire, lend, or give to any person under the age of 16 any ammunition suitable for discharging in any shotgun shall be guilty of a violation.

III. This section shall not apply to fathers, mothers or guardians of such children.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Sen. Fernald, Dist. 11
March 10, 2000
2000-3747s
05/09

Amendment to SB 433

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess firearms and ammunition.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Purchase or Possession of Firearms or Ammunition by Minors. Amend RSA 159:12 to read as follows:

159:12 Sale to Minors. Any person who shall sell, barter, hire, lend or give to any minor any ***rifle, shotgun,*** pistol or revolver shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. This section shall not apply to fathers, mothers, ***or*** guardians[~~, administrators or executors~~] who give a [~~revolver~~] ***firearm*** to their children or wards [~~or to heirs to an estate~~]***, or where the weapon in question is strictly used for game hunting or target shooting in the presence of an adult. Sellers or transferors shall also be subject to revocation of their licenses to sell firearms and rifles.***

2 Furnishing Arms to Persons Under the Age of 18. Amend RSA 644:15 to read as follows:

644:15 Furnishing Arms to Persons Under [~~16~~] ***18.***

I. Any person who shall sell, barter, hire, lend or give to any person under the age of [~~16~~] ***18*** years any [~~cartridges or shotshells~~] ***ammunition*** suitable for discharging in any rifle, pistol ***or*** revolver or shotgun shall be guilty of a [~~violation~~] ***misdemeanor.***

II. This section shall not apply to fathers, mothers or guardians [~~of such children~~] ***who give a firearm to their children or wards, or where the weapon in question is strictly used for game hunting or target shooting in the presence of an adult.***

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2000-3747s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the sale or transfer of firearms or ammunition to persons under the age of 18, except where the firearm in question is strictly used for game hunting or target shooting.

Sen. Fernald, Dist. 11
March 20, 2000
2000-3869s
05/10

Floor Amendment to SB 433

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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II. This section shall not apply to fathers, mothers or guardians [~~of such children~~] ***who give a firearm to their children or wards, or where the weapon in question is strictly used for game hunting or target shooting in the presence of an adult.***

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2000-3869s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the sale or transfer of firearms or ammunition to persons under the age of 18, except where the firearm in question is strictly used for game hunting or target shooting.

Committee Minutes

Date: January 26, 2000
Time: 2:35 p.m.
Room: Representatives Hall

The Senate Committee on Judiciary held a hearing on the following:

SB 433 relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess handguns and ammunition

Members of Committee:

Senator Pignatelli
Senator Gordon
Senator Trombly
Senator Squires
Senator Wheeler
Senator Cohen
Senator Brown
Senator Fernald

The Chair, Senator Gordon, opened the hearing on SB 433, by calling on Senator Larsen, prime sponsor of the bill, to provide testimony.

Senator Larsen: Good afternoon members of the Committee and fellow citizens who have chosen to stay this long day and go through this hearing. I think this Committee and the Committee's co-chair deserve a lot of credit and I think that I have heard applause over the day, but I think that this Committee deserves credit for having gone as long as they have. Some of you have pointed out that your Senators are not here, but I think you ought to also know that there are hearings all around the building, meetings going on throughout the building, and some of us have come and gone because we are required to be at other places during the point of this day. I commend the co-chair and would like to say, for the record, my name is Sylvia Larsen. I am Senator from District #15 and I am here today to testify in support of SB 433. I would also point out that I am submitting, I heard during the course of this morning, people who were very astute and caught that there was a mistake in the drafting of this bill. The amendment will correct that mistake and identify the use of a handgun, ownership of a handgun, use of a handgun, would be in the accompaniment of an adult age twenty-one and over. So, I will submit that the Committee and it looks like I will do that in a few minutes.

Currently, federal law prohibits any federally licensed firearms dealer from selling a handgun to persons under age twenty-one. This federal law passed back in 1968 under the Gun Control Act of that year. But, a loophole in the federal law allows individuals under age twenty-one to purchase handguns through private sales, otherwise prohibited by state law, unless otherwise prohibited by state law. In other words, in 1968, there was a federal acknowledgment that we didn't want licensed firearms dealers selling to those under age twenty-one. We haven't changed that law federally, but I think this State needs to look at why we have this gap that allows private sales to continue unregulated and unmanaged.

I believe we need to close this loophole in New Hampshire to protect the welfare of our children. As a mother of two high school aged children, my heart broke like many of yours as we witnessed this past year of school violence and it is time we take action. It shouldn't take a Columbine High or Jonesboro or random drive-by shooting of a child which doesn't, luckily, happen in our state, but has happened other places, to make us wake up to the problem. American children are more at risk from firearms than any other industrialized nation.

In one year recently, 5,285 United States children were killed by firearms, while in the same year Japan lost none, no children. Nineteen were lost in Great Britain, fifty-seven in Germany, and one hundred and nine in France. But, the US lost 5,285 children.

In the ten years between '84 and '94, the firearms death rate for fifteen to nineteen year olds increased 222%, while the non-firearm homicide death rate decreased almost 13%.

Within five years, firearms are expected to overtake motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of death among children. I heard maybe we were going to ban low-priced cars. Well, we've got the possibility that firearms deaths are going to cause more problems than motor vehicle accidents.

Why prohibit private and secondary market handgun sales to the eighteen and twenty-one year old segment? Because they are the segment of the population with the greatest likelihood of committing a crime using a handgun. And, I would add, because the eighteen to twenty-one year olds are the segment of the population with the highest level of continuing peer contact with high school students and, therefore, most likely to illegally transfer a handgun into the hands of children eighteen and under.

A study of twenty-seven cities conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in 1997 found that, in those cities, the most frequent age of crime gun possession was nineteen years of age and the second most frequent age was eighteen. 83.9% of all handgun crimes in those cities involved eighteen to twenty-four year olds. In that same 1997 study, there were 12,764 arrests for murder. 22% of all those arrests for murder were eighteen to twenty year olds. Violent crimes by eighteen to twenty year olds accounted for 13.5% of arrests that year and weapons offenses in eighteen to twenty year old age range accounted for 18.2% of arrests.

While the New Hampshire Constitution protects the right to bear arms, New Hampshire case law is clear. There is a case law under State v. Smith that identifies the clear right of the State to restrict handgun possession if the restriction "narrowly serves a significant government interest". The Court conceded in the Smith decision that the Court can grant, the Court will grant the Legislature a reasonable amount of latitude in adopting restrictions on the right to firearms where the restrictions relate to persons likely to be dangerous.

The statistics that show the crime rate of the eighteen to twenty-year olds is much higher. The statistics that show that the eighteen to twenty-one year olds are more likely to assist in getting guns into a high schools I believe are enough evidence to say that this restriction is within constitutional parameters. The State and the Legislature has the right, under State v. Smith, to adopt such restrictions under those parameters.

So, after all of these facts that I have just read to you, I will leave you with these questions. Why does the New Hampshire uniform transfer of gifts to minors law require that all monies be transferred by age twenty-one, not age eighteen? Do we think that the eighteen to twenty year olds aren't mature enough to handle money, but it is OK to handle handguns? Why can an eighteen-year-old own a handgun in his name, but not rent an automobile? And, finally, why do we prohibit beer and alcohol to those under twenty-one, but allow handgun sales? If we don't believe that they are mature enough to handle a beer, are they mature enough to handle a handgun?

I think you see in the bill that there are exemptions allowed for the normal use of handguns with adult accompaniment in hunting and target practice, but I believe it makes good sense, it made good sense on a national level, to prohibit handgun sales by licensed firearm dealers to this age group. It made good sense as far back as 1968. Now, it is time for New Hampshire to close the loophole of private and secondary handgun sales to those under age twenty-one.

As all of you know, there are no handgun checks to private and secondary handgun sales and it is an unregulated market. In fact, adults purchasing handguns have greater supervision in many cases.

I urge you to join with over 70% of people, twenty-three total states, who support limiting handgun ownership by children and vote SB 433 ought to pass. Thank you for your time.

Please see Senator Larsen's typewritten Statement, attached hereto and referred to as Attachment #1.

Senator Gordon: Thanks, Senator Larsen. Any questions? Seeing none, thank you for your testimony. Senator Cohen, did you wish to testify? No? Representative Brewster, are you testifying on this bill as well? Since you are right there, why don't you go ahead and do that?

Representative Brewster: Thank you, Senator Gordon. I have a half-minute on here.

Senator Gordon: OK. I am going to hold you to it.

Representative Brewster: This bill prohibits the sale or transfer of handguns or ammunition to persons under the age of twenty-one, except where the firearm in question is strictly used for game hunting or target shooting. Is strictly used for game hunting or target shooting. Does this mean that the gun dealer has to ask if this gun is going to be used to hold up a bank? This bill does nothing but hassle honest citizens. Please ITL this bill. Thank you.

Please see letter from Richard P. Brewster, dated January 22, 2000, attached hereto and referred to as Attachment #2.

Senator Gordon: Thank you. I appreciate your brief testimony. Paul Gauffin? He said he can do this in one minute.

Paul Gauffin: I will. My concern is that, again, is redundant in federal law. It is already a misdemeanor crime, actually a felony crime, under federal law for a minor to possess a firearm, a minor being under twenty-one, unless he is under parental supervision or the firearm is in control of someone who is twenty-one years of age or older. It is illegal for a minor to purchase ammunition under federal law unless he is twenty-one years old if the ammunition is suitable for use or will be used in a handgun. This sort of duplicity is not necessary and is not characteristic... tape change.

Senator Gordon: Thank you for your brief testimony. I have a card from Ted Ristaino, who testified earlier. I think he is gone now, but he was going to testify in favor of the bill. I have nine remaining cards, all speaking in opposition to the bill. Bill Carney?

William Carney: Again, I am representing Sunset Mountain Fish & Game Club.

We believe this bill, if passed, would make it illegal for any minor who has complied with the current laws and has taken a firearm training program from hunting from with anyone under the age of twenty-one. Today, most, if not all rifle cartridges, except for some of the heavy magnum cartridges, are also fired from pistols. A good example of this is the Thompson center contender pistols manufactured here in Rochester, New Hampshire. I am not a father or guardian of my grandsons and, if this bill passes, I will no longer be allowed to take my grandsons target shooting or deer hunting with a rifle in New Hampshire as I will not be allowed to provide them with ammunition, as I once did with my sons, from the time they were ten years old.

As I read this bill, as I first read this bill, I wondered how this would have applied to me some forty-nine years ago when I celebrated my nineteenth birthday in a foxhole in Korea. I was hold a .45 caliber pistol in one hand, while sliding 60 mm mortar rounds down the tube of a mortar with the other hand. While half the male population of China and North Korea, who must have thought like some New Hampshire legislators, that I was too young to have a pistol in my hand, tried awful hard to get it away from me. I would have been awful upset when I returned home and wanted to do some target shooting and was told I was not old enough and would be breaking the law if I did.

Today, at age eighteen we allow our young adults to vote, serve in the military, serve on juries and, most important of all, pay income taxes, but we don't trust them to purchase ammunition to use a pistol. This bill, if passed, will become another example of the double standard we now govern our young adult population with. This bill, pure and simple, is not a public safety bill; it is just another anti-gun bill filed by one of the State's leading champions for more anti-gun laws, Senator Burt Cohen.

I ask this Committee to inexpedient to legislate this bill.

Please see letter from William F. Carney, Legislative Agent, Sunset Mountain Fish & Game Club, attached hereto and referred to as Attachment #3.

Senator Gordon: Thank you for your testimony. Walter Foss? Is he gone? Frank Szostek? OK. I think he spoke to both bills when he was up here before. Mr. Hatch?

Ellis Hatch: For the record, Ellis Hatch, Fish & Game Commissioner from Strafford County. I am here speaking in opposition to the bill.

The New Hampshire Fish & Game Commission has expressed unanimous opposition to SB 433. There are a few points we would like to bring out about the bill.

The way the bill reads, a person under twenty-one years old who wants to use a handgun for hunting or target shooting must be accompanied by an adult. However, the current law right now says the adult is eighteen years old. As far as hunting, if a youngster goes hunting, the adult has to be eighteen years or older. So, this doesn't make much sense to us. Prior law required eighteen years old and we feel this is more adequate.

Another part of it that makes absolutely no sense at all, if any person gives a twenty year old a box of .22 cartridges, he is going to commit a crime, even though the ammunition may be used in a rifle. These are some of the notes my good Chairman Moquin left me.

In the words of the bill, it is suitable for discharging from a pistol or a revolver. Under this definition, even a 30 caliber load would be illegal because pistols are made for the same caliber. Those were the Chairman's notes.

I have a couple of points that haven't been touched on here today. If all of us remember back in '96 in Massachusetts when most of these gun laws came into being down there, they had a substantial decline in hunting licenses. If anyone who sponsors these bills thinks that these bills won't have an affect on hunting in New Hampshire, they are sadly mistaken. Any decline in our license sales would mean a decline in our federal aid. In Massachusetts in '96 there was a drop of 38,000 in license sales and they haven't really gained all that back yet. So, there is a concern about Fish & Game. We are in the hunting business here and we do use guns and we have to transport guns to and from the field in our hunting.

The other impact is on our shooting sports. If this bill passes, I can tell you two programs that will cease to operate at Major Waldron's Sportsmens Association that involve the Boy Scouts and 4-H because these people are young and we will not be able to give them the ammunition to learn how to

handle a gun safely. We do a number of these programs at the Club now. So, those efforts will have to stop.

This initiative is simply part of that creeping disease called gun control. It will do little except harass our law-abiding citizens in this State, gun owners, hunters and members of the shooting sports and we would respectfully request that you find these, all three of the, bills inexpedient to legislate.

Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Senator Gordon: Thank you. Tony Ryan?

Tony Ryan: Mr. Chairman, I have some prepared notes, which I have abbreviated because so many of the points have been dealt with. Before I get to them, my name is Tony Ryan and I represent myself and my wife, Sue Ryan, who is here in the room as you have already heard.

Senator Larsen brought up in her introduction of this bill some statistics having to do with firearms deaths of fifteen to nineteen year olds, the implication being that this bill would reduce those fatalities. I would like to point out that the fifteen to nineteen year olds were already breaking laws of other sorts when they committed their crimes with handguns. This particular bill would add another layer, there is no question about it, but they were doing wrong to begin with.

In any case, Mr. Chairman, for some reason under this prohibition placed upon those under twenty-one, the prohibition would not apply to rifles or shotguns. I can only guess that the distinction is made because handguns are more easily concealed. That must not a proper assumption, however, because we already have a law which deals with that. Carrying any concealed handgun in New Hampshire requires a permit, which is only issued to persons the government deems suitable. So, that must not be the reason for the proposed law. But, certainly the Legislature wouldn't consider passing a law to deal with a situation already addressed in law. Or would it?

I am not going to deal with the ammunition restrictions because they have already been dealt with, rifles versus handguns.

The last provision of this bill really perplexes us. Does it mean that a nineteen year old, that if a nineteen year old is a father, the restrictions don't apply? It certainly looks that way.

We think this bill is a fine candidate for the circular file. Might we not consider the possibility that we already, as it is, have enough laws governing every aspect of our lives? We certainly don't need this one.

Thank you very much.

Please see letter from Anthony H. Ryan and M. Sue Ryan, dated January 26, 2000, attached hereto and referred to as Attachment #4.

Senator Gordon: Thank you, Mr. Ryan. Jean Krochmal?

Jean Krochmal: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record, my name is Jean Krochmal and I am the Executive Director of Gun Owners of New Hampshire.

Proper firearm safety instruction is key in preventing both accidents and misuse of firearms. SB 433 prohibits anyone other than the parents or guardian of a person under the age of twenty-one from teaching a young person the safe and responsible use of a pistol or revolver. This is accomplished by only allowing the parents or guardians of a young person the legal ability to provide ammunition to that young person. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, older brothers, and sisters would not be allowed to introduce the next generation to the safe and responsible use of a revolver or pistol. As worded, SB 433 could prohibit certified firearms instructors, the very people who are most qualified to teach firearm safety, from providing pistol or revolver instruction. SB 433 will do nothing but criminalize firearm safety education and result in an increased number of accidents and misuse.

In SB 433 the term "cartridges and shotshells" has been replaced with "ammunition". While cartridges and shotshells are very specific, the term ammunition is not defined in New Hampshire statute. In Massachusetts law, ammunition is broadly defined as "cartridges or cartridge cases, primers, bullets, or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm, rifle or shotgun". This change is a necessary first step to define ammunition as it is in Massachusetts law and to broaden the restrictions to include the individual components of a cartridge or shotshell.

Once again, law-abiding gun owners are harassed and made into criminals. Gun Owners of New Hampshire recommends that SB 433 be found inexpedient to legislate.

Thank you.

Please see letter from Jean Krochmal, Gun Owners of New Hampshire, Inc., attached hereto and referred to as Attachment #5.

Senator Gordon: Thank you, Jean. John Drabinowicz?

John Drabinowicz: Hey, alright. My mother would be proud.

Senator Gordon: Your mother is the Representative and a very fine one at that.

Mr. Drabinowicz: Hello, ladies and gentlemen of the Committee and your esteemed chair, pro tem. My name is John Drabinowicz. I come from the wonderful town of Hudson, New Hampshire. I am a sovereign citizen of this State and of these United States of America.

Once again, this seems to be the most unobtrusive of the three bills that we have been discussing today. It is to protect the children. Anyway, it seems to me that, for years parents have taught their children firearm safety and protection. When I was going to school, kids would bring their 22s to school and then afterward go down to the river and shoot rats. We never had problems. Didn't seem to be much need for kids to shoot each other. But, then again, they were allowed to actually show aggressive behavior instead of bottling it up.

This is a situation of there is nothing broken in the State of New Hampshire. Yes, we have national statistics galore and all kinds of nasty, ugly, horrible things that are happening around the country, but not in this State. It ain't broke. Don't fix it.

What makes this even more insidious is that it takes away the right to own a firearm from eighteen to twenty year old adults. These people have the right to vote and the responsibility to register for the draft and the ultimately responsibility to go out and get killed for their country, if necessary. Yet, you are saying they can't own firearms. They can't drink. They can't smoke. They can't transfer money. They are adults, but we treat them as second class citizens. This is just another part of that. As far as the federal law saying twenty-one, well yes, nobody has ever challenged it in court. If I were eighteen, I would definitely challenge it in court. It says that I am an adult, but I am discriminated against because of my age, which is against another federal law.

So, I would urge you strongly to vote to make this inexpedient to legislate.

One of the problems with children with guns and young adults with guns is that they have no exposure to it. It is a talisman of power. But they don't know how to use it. They just see it as power in a society that basically makes them feel like second class citizens. It just seems so ludicrous and so double standard to do this to our young adults and I would urge you strongly to vote for all three of these ludicrous bills to be inexpedient to legislate.

Thank you very much.

Please see Mr. Drabinowicz's typewritten testimony, attached hereto and referred to as Attachment #6.

Senator Gordon: I have two cards left. Antonet Piper?

Antonet Piper: I am Antonet Piper and I am representing also Frank Piper, Leona Piper, my parents, and my brothers Charles and David Piper. Actually, I have two sisters and four brothers. By the age of eighteen, my younger sister went in the military, Air Force. By the age of eighteen, Charles went in the Navy. When my brother Frank turned seventeen, he joined the Marines. When my brother David turned eighteen, he went in the Army. Two of the four, Frank and David, guarded nuclear arsenals, one of them before he was eighteen. It is not right to tell them when they come home on leave that they can't handle a firearm because they are not twenty-one. This difference in age is not a loophole in the law.

Crimes committed by eighteen to twenty-five year olds. I want to know from the statistics how many of them were repeat offenses by the one person being let go and had to be caught again. How much would that reduce the statistics to know it was one person and not a number on a page?

Except for where the weapon in question is strictly used by persons employed in law enforcement or game hunting or target shooting in the presence of an adult. It is obvious that this Committee doesn't hunt. Generally, in hunting, you will station one person at one location and the other at a slightly different location for maximum possibility of bringing home dinner. Is this youth, this young adult between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one, if they are stationed on one ridge and their father, who is hunting with them, is at a different location, is he still in the father's presence?

This bill is definitely inexpedient to legislate because it does not truly correct any problems and it discriminates against people who should know better. To correct the problem of crimes for the age group mentioned and the upcoming generations, start educating them early on what firearms are, what the laws regarding firearms are, so that they don't make stupid mistakes.

Senator Gordon: Thank you, Antonet. And, the last card I have is Craig Peterson, who didn't put down the amount of time he wanted.

Craig Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee.

I am not sure how many people here are aware of what the federal government thinks about youths shooting guns and, in fact, what the National Rifle Association and Gun Owners of New Hampshire think. Gun Owners of New Hampshire has over 30,000 direct and affiliate members here in the State of New Hampshire, probably the largest organization in the State. Maybe the AARP has more. They certainly are a contender in Florida, but I am not sure about New Hampshire.

But, the federal government feels very strongly about youth, and I am talking about people under the age of eighteen even, participating in the shooting sports. The federal government provides funds to Gun Owners of New Hampshire sanctioned events that allow our children here in the State of New Hampshire to progress on, to gain in marksmanship abilities, to go on to national championships. The federal government, in fact, has started a new organization. It used to be DCM; it is now CMP, which is civilian marksmanship. We have a girl sixteen years of age who is a national champion, our state champion, who I mentioned earlier. This bill would not allow us to compete on the national level. It would not allow us to comply with the NRA requirement, nor the federal requirement, because these children often and I use the term children loosely, especially when you get over eighteen, often practice without all of the requirements that are in this bill. They practice together, without an adult present. They take their firearms and ammunitions from their homes, especially ones that are sixteen and can drive, although the Legislature is trying to stop that in some aspects. They take their ammunition and their firearms and they take it to the ranges so that they can practice. They take it to pits in Brookline and other places in southern New Hampshire and, of course, all over the place up in northern New Hampshire.

This bill would stop much of what we have been trying to build. It would also, I think, cause more ignorance on the part of children, it would cause even more deaths, because fewer people would be educated because fewer people would be able to participate in these programs. In fact, the programs may disappear in their entirety. Again, when we were talking about some of these other bills and the aspects of education and the importance of education and familiarity with firearms in order to respect them, there would be even fewer people who had that familiarity and it would increase the number of deaths in the State of New Hampshire and nationwide. In a time where

marksmanship is dropping in the military and the military is having a harder finding people, including everything from snipers through rifleman, it would help to also diminish our national defense.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator Gordon: Thank you very much for your testimony. That concludes the cards which I have. Is there anyone else who would like to speak on SB 433? Come on down. You just need to identify yourself so we will have that on the record.

Ed Csenge: My name is Ed Csenge. I am from Keene, New Hampshire. A couple of things.

Number one, my twelve-year-old son is a very active competitive shooter. He is doing well. He shot at the national matches at Camp Perry last year and it is small bore. Of course, 22 ammunition fits rifles and pistols as well. If I had known how this thing was going to go today, I would have brought him here. He would tell you straight out that these kids are not babies. They understand what is taught to them. They know the difference between right and wrong.

Unfortunately, today, and really nobody spoke about this much, you hear of crimes committed by juveniles and yet these people will be tried as adults. Well, you know, in your home, if your child does something wrong, you take something away, some privilege away. Well, it is the same thing in life. When people do bad things, they should be dealt with for the thing that they have done, regardless of the age. And none of these bills, and it is true in gun legislation by and large, is always against having a certain thing. In other words, you can't have this, you can't have that. That doesn't do anything.

If you go back to the feudal times when, in the fourteenth century, the people were not allowed to have armor. Only the lords did and, of course, the criminals would be there. So, the people who were the ordinary people had to go find somebody in a castle to help them. Of course, many times their soldiers were crooked, so they were afraid of both. But, then they invented the longbow and that equalized everything. So, I just tell you that little story because we don't want to put ourselves in a situation where we are saying that children can do anything they want without fear of any punishment because we are not going to deal with that, we are going to take the items away. By taking the items away, we are going to penalize the rest of society at the same time. It doesn't make any sense.

My son would tell you and he came and testified on his own behalf to get the age limit reduced for the hunter safety course, and it was amazing because some of the hunter safety course instructors here in this State didn't want to reduce the age. He is looking at me and saying, "Dad, are the kids smarter in Vermont than they are here? We know." He took some of the people on at that hearing, one to one. I stood aside of him and said, Tom, you tell 'em. He will tell you, education is number one. Responsibility. How can anyone learn to be responsible if they are never given any?

I came from New York. Eighteen year old drinking age in New York State. I can't believe that the drinking age has been changed to twenty-one. I absolutely can't believe it. How come? We don't trust the kids? Why? Now you are going to change the drivers license and try to increase that? And, then you are going to say you can't go out hunting with your Dad, the guy can't be on one ridge, you can't compete properly because you are hamstrung by these silly laws? When do we go and take the positive with people? When do we take the initiative to say, this is the way things gotta run, here is education provided.

I tell you, you people who are anti-gun, you ought to go join a good positive organization and get on their side and start promoting education. You would be far better off than wasting all this money in legislation and lawyers. You get nothing from it. You get matters worse. You get Columbine, that is what you get, because people have no respect for one another and the way the world works. How do you think they got to where they got to? They didn't get these things overnight. When you can go and watch all this on video, TV, games, violence. We didn't have that, but you got it now and if my twelve-year-old son was here, he would tell you exactly the same thing. You gotta go and educate people, give 'em the responsibility and, with responsibility goes accountability. Why are we not holding anybody accountable for what they do? Why is that? How come all the people, the laws, and the Brady Bill and all the rest of it that go and try to buy guns are turned down, but not locked up. Why? Why is that? You are going to create a society where myself and my son in the future cannot protect themselves. Why do you think in Florida, when you used to get off the airplane and get a rental car and the rental car had a tag on it that showed it was a rental car, you were number one prey.

I don't want to take a long time here, but all I gotta tell you is why not get on the side of positive? Smokey the Bear works. Seatbelts work. The crash dummies. What is the matter with doing the same kind of thing on the positive side with firearms? You know what the matter of it is? You guys don't like them. That is the only matter. So, I ask you to have a little change and start thinking on the plus side instead of the minus side all the time and give the people the responsibility for what they do and also the accountability

for their actions, swiftly, not twenty years sitting there waiting for something to happen because they did a bad deed. You gotta take care of it quickly. I believe it says that in the Constitution, something about swift justice. Again, I wish my son would be here, because he would tell you, too.

That is all I gotta say. If anybody's got any questions, I would be happy to answer them for you or try or whatever.

Senator Gordon: Thank you for your testimony. Is there anyone else who wishes to testify? Seeing no one, I am quickly going to call SB 433, the hearing on SB 433 to a close. Thank you everybody who came here today and spent the day with us. I wish you all well.

Hearing concluded at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recorded by Laurel Hanlon
Transcribed by L. Gail Brown
9/5/02

6 Attachments

ATTACHMENT #1

STATEMENT OF SENATOR SYLVIA LARSEN
SENATE BILL 433, PROHIBITING SALE OF HANDGUNS TO THOSE UNDER AGE 21
JANUARY 26, 2000

GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS Sylvia B. Larsen , SENATOR FROM DISTRICT 15 AND I AM HERE TODAY TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 433 WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT THE SALE OF HANDGUNS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21.

CURRENTLY FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS ANY FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER FROM SELLING A HANDGUN TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 21. THIS FEDERAL LAW PASSED WAY BACK IN 1968 UNDER THE GUN CONTROL ACT OF THAT YEAR.

A LOOPHOLE IN THE FEDERAL LAW, HOWEVER, ALLOWS INDIVIDUALS UNDER AGE 21 TO PURCHASE HANDGUNS THROUGH PRIVATE SALES, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW.

I BELIEVE WE NEED TO CLOSE THIS LOOPHOLE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF OUR CHILDREN.

AS A MOTHER OF TWO HIGH SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN, MY HEART BROKE LIKE MANY OF YOURS, I AM SURE, AS WE WITNESSED THIS PAST YEAR OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE. IT IS TIME WE TAKE ACTION.

IT SHOULDN'T TAKE A COLUMBINE HIGH OR JONESBORO OR RANDOM DRIVE-BY SHOOTING OF A CHILD TO MAKE US WAKE UP TO THE PROBLEM . AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE MORE AT RISK FROM FIREARMS THAN ANY OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATION.

IN ONE YEAR RECENTLY, 5,285 US CHILDREN WERE KILLED BY FIREARMS WHILE IN THAT SAME YEAR JAPAN LOST NONE, 19 IN GREAT BRITAIN, 57 IN GERMANY AND 109 IN FRANCE

IN THE TEN YEARS BETWEEN 1984 AND 1994, THE FIREARM DEATH RATE FOR 15-19 YEAR OLDS INCREASED 222 PERCENT WHILE THE NON-FIREARM HOMOCIDE DEATH RATE DECREASED ALMOST 13 PERCENT.

WITHIN 5 YEARS FIREARMS ARE EXPECTED TO OVERTAKE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG CHILDREN.

WHY PROHIBIT PRIVATE AND SECONDARY MARKET HANDGUN SALES TO THE 18-21 YEAR OLD SEGMENT ?

BECAUSE THEY ARE THE SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION WITH THE GREATEST LIKELIHOOD OF COMMITTING A CRIME USING A HANDGUN.

AND , I WOULD ADD, BECAUSE 18-21 YEAR OLDS ARE THE SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CONTINUING PEER CONTACT WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND THEREFORE MOST LIKELY TO ILLEGALLY TRANSFER A HANDGUN INTO THE HANDS OF CHILDREN 18 AND UNDER.

A STUDY OF 27 CITIES CONDUCTED BY THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL , TOBACCO AND FIREARMS IN 1997 FOUND THAT:

- THE MOST FREQUENT AGE OF CRIME GUN POSSESSION WAS 19 YEARS OF AGE AND THE SECOND MOST FREQUENT AGE WAS 18.

- 83.9% OF ALL HANDGUN CRIMES INVOLVED 18-24 YEAR OLDS.

- IN 1997 THERE WERE 12,764 ARRESTS FOR MURDER. 22% OF ALL THOSE ARRESTS FOR MURDER WERE 18-20 YEAR OLDS.
- VIOLENT CRIMES BY 18-20 YEAR OLDS ACCOUNTED FOR 13.5% OF ARRESTS THAT YEAR AND
- WEAPONS OFFENSES IN THE 18-20 YEAR OLD AGE GROUP ACCOUNTED FOR 18.2% OF ALL ARRESTS

WHILE THE NH CONSTITUTION PROTECTS THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS, NEW HAMPSHIRE CASE LAW IS CLEAR .....THAT LIMITATIONS CAN BE PLACED UPON THIS RIGHT WHEN GUN OWNERSHIP PRESENTS A DANGER TO SOCIETY. CLEARLY GUN OWNERSHIP BY 18-20 YEAR OLDS PRESENTS A DANGER TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY.

SO, AFTER ALL THESE FACTS, I LEAVE YOU WITH THESE QUESTIONS:

WHY DOES THE NH UNIFORM TRANSFER OF GIFTS TO MINORS LAW REQUIRE ALL MONIES TO BE TRANSFERRED BY AGE 21, NOT AGE 18? DO WE THINK THEY AREN'T MATURE ENOUGH TO HANDLE MONEY BUT IT'S OK TO HANDLE HANDGUNS?

WHY CAN AN 18 YEAR OLD OWN A HANDGUN IN HIS NAME BUT NOT RENT AN AUTOMOBILE?

AND FINALLY,
WHY DO WE PROHIBIT SALE OF BEER AND ALCOHOL TO THOSE UNDER 21, BUT ALLOW HANDGUN SALES? IF WE DON'T BELIEVE THEY ARE MATURE ENOUGH TO HANDLE A BEER, ARE THEY MATURE ENOUGH TO HANDLE A HANDGUN?

I BELIEVE IT MADE GOOD SENSE ON A NATIONAL LEVEL TO PROHIBIT HANDGUN SALES BY LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS TO THIS AGE GROUP . NOW IT IS TIME FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE TO CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE OF PRIVATE AND SECONDARY HANDGUN SALES TO THOSE UNDER AGE 21.

I URGE YOU TO JOIN WITH THE OVER 70% OF PEOPLE AND 10 STATES WHO SUPPORT LIMITING THIS HANDGUN OWNERSHIP BY CHILDREN. VOTE OUGHT TO PASS ON SB 433.

ATTACHMENT #2

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January 22, 2000

Senate Judiciary Committee
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SB 433-21 To Purchase

This bill prohbits the sale or transfer of handguns or ammunition to person under the age of 21, except where the firearm in question is strictly used for game hunting or target shooting--------

Is strictly used for game hunting or target shooting.

Does this mean that a gun dealer has to ask " is this gun going to be used to hold up a bank"? This bill does nothing but hassle honest citizens.

Please ITL this bill.

Sincerely,

Richard P. Brewster
Representative
Merrimack., District I

ATTACHMENT #3

SUNSET MOUNTAIN FISH & GAME CLUB

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SENATE BILL # 433

Member's of the Committee, my name is William F. Carney and I reside in the town of Bow. I am here today representing Sunset Mountain Fish and Game Club. Sunset Mountain Fish and Game Club is a 400 plus member sportsman's organization with clubhouse and facilities located in the Town of Canterbury.

The members of Sunset Mountain Fish and Game Club are in opposition to Senate Bill # 433 as it is a very discriminating bill.

This bill if passed would make it illegal for any minor who has complied with current laws and has taken a firearm-training program from hunting with any one under the age of 21. Today most if not all rifle cartridges except for some of the heavy magnum rifle cartridges are also fired from pistols. A good example of this are the Thompson-Center contender pistols manufactured here in New Hampshire. I am not a father or guardian to my grandsons and if this bill passes I will no longer be allowed to take my grand sons target shooting or deer hunting with a rifle in New Hampshire. As I once did with my sons from the time they were 10 years old.

As I read this ~~law~~ Bill I wonder how it would have applied to me some 49 years ago when I celebrated my nineteenth birthday. A birthday celebrated in a foxhole over in Korea. I was holding a 45cal pistol in one hand while sliding 60mm mortar rounds down the tube of a mortar with the other hand. While half the male population of China and North Korea who must have also thought like some New Hampshire legislators that I was to young to have a pistol in my hand. I may hurt myself or someone else so they tried awful hard to get it away from me. I would have been a trifle upset when I returned home and wanted to do some target shooting but was told I wasn't old enough and I would be breaking the law if I did.

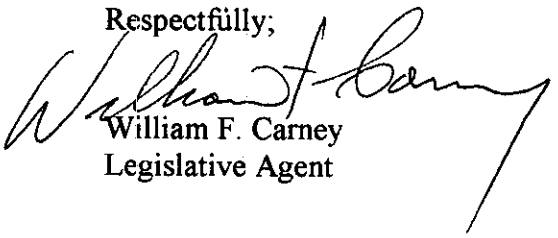
Today at age 18 we allow our young adults to vote, serve in the military, serve on juries and most important of all pay income taxes but we don't trust them to purchase ammunition or use a pistol. This bill if passed will become another example of the double standard we now govern our young adult population with. This bill pure and simple is not a public safety bill it is just

another anti gun bill filled by one of the states leading champions for more anti gun Laws State Senator Burton Cohen.

We respectfully request that this bill be given an INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE recommendation by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I thank the committee for allowing me to testify on this bill.

Respectfully;



William F. Carney
Legislative Agent

ATTACHMENT #4

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January 26, 2000

TO: Debora B. Pignatelli, Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of New Hampshire

re. SB 433

Chairman Pignatelli,
Members of the Committee:

We have for many years now considered 18 year olds responsible enough to vote. This country has no problem with sending 18 year olds off to fight in foreign lands. By some reverse logic this bill suggests that these same citizens are not responsible enough to possess revolvers or pistols unless mommy or daddy gives their blessing.

Now for some reason this prohibition would not apply to rifles or shotguns. I can only guess that the distinction is made because handguns are more easily concealed. But that must not be a proper assumption, because we already have a law which deals with that—carrying any concealed handgun in New Hampshire requires a permit which is only issued to persons the government deems suitable.

So that must not be the reason for this proposed law. But certainly the legislature wouldn't consider passing a law to deal with a situation already addressed in law. Or would it?

Now about the ammunition restrictions proposed. Certainly members of this committee must be aware that many cartridges in current use may be fired in either handguns or long guns. Is this section of SB 433 to mean that a person under 21 can't buy a .44 magnum cartridge for his hunting rifle because that cartridge is, in the words of this legislation, "suitable for discharging in a revolver?"

And the last provision of this bill really perplexes us. Does it mean that if a 19 year old is a father the restrictions don't apply?

We think this bill is a fine candidate for the circular file. Might we not consider the possibility that we already—as it is—have enough laws governing every aspect of our lives? We certainly don't need this one.

Sincerely,

We would appreciate it if copies of this testimony were to be made available to the members of the committee.

ATTACHMENT #5

Gun Owners of New Hampshire, Inc.

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SENATE JUDICIARY TESTIMONY ON SB 433
JANUARY 26, 2000

Proper firearm safety instruction is key in preventing both accidents and the misuse firearms. SB 433 prohibits anyone other than the parents or guardian of a person under the age of 21 from teaching a young person the safe and responsible use of a pistol or revovler. This is accomplished by only allowing the parents or guardian of a young person the legal ability to provide ammunition to that young person. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, older brothers, and sisters would not be allowed to introduce the next generation to the safe and responsible use of a revolver or pistol. As worded, SB 433 could prohibit certified firearms instructors, the very people who are most qualified to teach firearm safety, from providing pistol or revolver instruction. SB 433 will do nothing but criminalize firearm safety education and result in an increase in the number of accidents and misuse.

In SB 433, the term "cartridges or shotshells" has been replaced with "ammunition". While cartridges and shotshells are very specific; the term "ammunition" is not defined in New Hampshire statute. In Massachusetts law, "ammunition" is broadly defined as "cartridges or cartridge cases, primers, bullets, or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm, rifle, or shotgun". This change is a necessary first step to define "ammunition" as it is in Massachusetts law and to broaden the restrictions to include the individual components of a cartridge or shotshell.

Once again, law abiding gun owners are harassed and made into criminals. Gun Owners of New Hampshire recommends that SB 433 be found Inexpedient to Legislate.

ATTACHMENT #6

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PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2000
JUDICIARY, Room 103, SH

IN REGARDS TO:

SB 419-FN, establishing the crime of negligent storage of a firearm.
SB 427-FN, banning the sale or transfer of "Saturday night specials."
SB 433, relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess handguns and ammunition

INTRODUCTION:

My name is John Drabinowicz, and I am speaking for myself as a sovereign citizen from the great town of Hudson, NH in these United States of America. I want to thank the committee members for this opportunity to speak against these three proposed pieces of legislation. I am also upset that once again, I have to take time off from work, and loose money that my family needs. However, our forefathers pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to fight for freedom, so a day away from work is little to give for me to defend it.

Last year the people of New Hampshire were treated to many assaults against their freedoms from the legislative branch. Fortunately most of the anti-firearm bills were defeated. Now those seeking to limit our freedom are suing these three more subtle bills that seem reasonable on the surface. These are incremental but diabolical in their results.

The right to keep and bear arms cannot be abridged, according to the 2nd amendment of the U.S Bill of Rights, and article 2 and 2-a of the New Hampshire Bill of rights. You may pass laws that abridge them, but they are invalid, as a right by definition cannot be abridged. To pass laws against rights makes a mockery of our government, and stirs resentment in the electorate.

SB 419-FN, establishing the crime of negligent storage of a firearm.

I speak **against** SB 4190FN. This bill on its surface seems to be well intentioned to protect children. However if the goal were to protect children, then it would include all possible forms of negligence that might hurt children, not just firearms.

This bill attempts to take this one case of presumed negligence out of the realm of civil litigation and place it in the criminal arena where it has never belonged. Further it seems to place the burden of proof on the accused rather than the state this violates the concept of being innocent until proven guilty.

This bill is not about protecting children, but about making weapon ownership so onerous to parents as to make it practically impossible for them to own firearms. It is hard enough being a parent without the government intruding into the privacy of our homes.

SB 427-FN, banning the sale or transfer of "Saturday night specials."

I speak **against** SB 427-FN. On the surface this is a reasonable bill, to prevent people from getting unsafe handguns. However, the criteria do not seem to be aimed at safety, but at the cost and size of the handgun.

This seems to be a bill to deter lower income people from obtaining self-defense firearms.

If it were about safety, then why would Law Enforcement personal be exempt? I would assume that you would want to grant them the same protection.

This has never been a great problem in New Hampshire, so if it isn't broke don't fix it.

SB 433, relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess handguns and ammunition.

I speak **against** SB 433. This bill seems to be the most unobtrusive of all, but once again the devil is in the details.

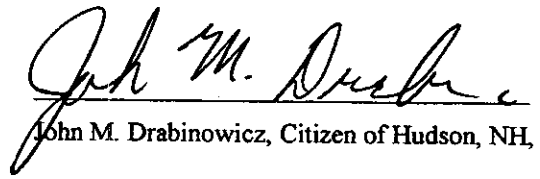
For years, parents have taught their children to use and handle firearms safely, and juveniles with weapons have not been a great problem in New Hampshire. To learn responsibility, a child must be given a limited amount of responsibility. Again it isn't broken so why fix it.

What makes this even more insidious is that it takes away the right to own a firearm from 18-20 year old adults with the right to vote and the responsibility to register for the draft. It's bad enough that they are old enough to die for this land, but can't drink or smoke if they want to. This is age discrimination of the worst sort.

CLOSING:

In closing, I would urge each member of this committee to unanimously vote these three bills **inexpedient to legislate**. I wold further urge you to fight against these and all laws that make Rights illegal.

Thank you for listening.



John M. Drabinowicz, Citizen of Hudson, NH, USA

Speakers

Fill in *ONLY* if *SPEAKING* on Bill

Bill # SB 453 Date 1/26/00

Committee Judiciary

I support the bill ____

I oppose the bill ✓

I have written testimony ____

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Time needed to speak: 1 min

Rep
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COMMITTEE HEARING ON Bill 433

Date: 1-26-2000 Place: Senate Judiciary

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WISH TO SPEAK: YES ✓ NO ____ Time Needed: ____

Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON Cheap guns SB 433

Date: ____ Place: ____

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REPRESENTING: Self

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Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1-26-00 Place: House Floor

NAME: Richard Brewster

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REPRESENTING: SELF

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO ____ Time Needed: ½ min.

Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SENATE Bill 433

Date: 1-26-00 Place: SENATE JUDICARY SH Room 103

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REPRESENTING: SUNSET MT FISH & GAME CLUB

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ✓ NO ___ Time Needed: 2 MIN

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Concord NH Rm 103

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REPRESENTING: Self & Son

WISH TO SPEAK: YES X NO ___ Time Needed: 30 Seconds.

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON Judiciary 433

Date: 01/26/2000 Place: State House Rm 103

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REPRESENTING: Self

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Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: SB 433

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON Senate Bill 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Senate Judiciary

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REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ✓ NO ____ Time Needed: 2:00 min

Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SENATE BILL 433

Date: JAN. 2609 Place: SENATE JUDICIARY

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REPRESENTING: ____

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Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26 Place: Rm 103

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REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ✓ NO ____ Time Needed: 3-5 min

Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Room 103

NAME: ELLIS HATCH

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REPRESENTING: NH FISH & GAME COMMISSION

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ✓ NO ___ Time Needed: 2 MIN

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Senate Judiciary

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REPRESENTING: Gun Owners of New Hampshire

WISH TO SPEAK: YES X NO ___ Time Needed: 3 min

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1-26-00 Place: STATE House Rm 103

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REPRESENTING: SELF

WISH TO SPEAK: YES X NO ___ Time Needed: ?

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1/26 Place: _____

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City: Bedford Phone: 472-3132

REPRESENTING: NH Fish + Game

WISH TO SPEAK: YES X NO ___ Time Needed: 5 min

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB433

Date: 1-26-2000 Place: S.H. Rm 103

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REPRESENTING: Gun Owners of NH.

WISH TO SPEAK: YES X NO ___ Time Needed: _____

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 26 JAN 00 Place: SENATE JUDICIARY

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REPRESENTING: SELF

WISH TO SPEAK: YES X NO ___ Time Needed: 15 MIN

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON Judiciary / SB 433 ~~433~~ / Age of Minor to Purchase Firearms/Ammo

Date: 26 Jan '00 Place: Rm 103

NAME: Antonet C. Piper

Business Address: _____

City: Ashland Phone: 603 968 2251

REPRESENTING: Self + Frank F, Leona A, Charles A & David Piper

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ✓ NO ____ Time Needed: 3-5 Min.

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: #433

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 1/26/2000 - SB433

Date: 1/26/2000 Place: SB 433 Senate Judiciary

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REPRESENTING: Self Taxpayer

WISH TO SPEAK: YES X NO ____ Time Needed: 10 Min

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1/26 Place: 103

NAME: Ted Risteen

Business Address: _____

City: Rochester Phone: _____

REPRESENTING: _____

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ✓ NO ____ Time Needed: 3 min

Supporting Bill: ✓ Opposing Bill: _____

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Senate Judiciary

NAME: Tony Ryan

Business Address: Dorchester Rd

City: Lyme Phone: 795-4522

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES X NO ___ Time Needed: 3 min

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Rm 103 STATEHOUSE

NAME: FRANK SZOSTEK

Business Address: 218 COLBURN RD

City: MILFORD Phone: 673-0540

REPRESENTING: SELF

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ✓ NO ___ Time Needed: 2 min

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/2000 Place: Rm 103

NAME: David Bolton

Business Address: 16 Evergreen Dr.

City: Bow Phone: 224-7506

REPRESENTING: myself

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ✓ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: SB 433

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: State House

NAME: Mary Bonser

Business Address: 24 Smoke St.

City: Nottingham, NH Phone: 679-2036

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO X Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: NO Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/2000 Place: State House

NAME: Terry Bonser

Business Address: 24 SMOKE ST

City: Nottingham Phone: 679-2036

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO X Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB433

Date: 1/26/2000 Place: STATE ROOM 03

NAME: Karl Brewer

Business Address: UPPER EAST ROAD

City: CORNISH Phone: 542-4664

REPRESENTING: Gun owners of NH

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO X Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: State House 103

NAME: Jeff Brown

Business Address: 250 Commercial St., Suite 2019

City: Manchester Phone: 603/627-2424

REPRESENTING: self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO X Time Needed: —

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: I OPPOSE

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1-26-00 Place: Reps Hall

NAME: Steven D Costa

Business Address: None

City: Barnstead Phone: 269 2465

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO X Time Needed: _____

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON Bill 433

Date: 1-26-2000 Place: Concord, NH

NAME: Rod Cramer

Business Address: 394 Bean Hill Rd

City: Belmont, NH 03220 Phone: 267-7717

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO X Time Needed: —

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB433

Date: 1-26-2000 Place: Room 103

NAME: Stephen Dorie

Business Address:

City: Hudson Phone: 603 886-2911

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ✓ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/2000 Place: Room 103

NAME: Michael Dupont

Business Address: 115 Eastward Dr

City: Mer. NH Phone: 6241104

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO X Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB-433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Senate Judiciary

NAME: Jonathan R. Evans

Business Address: 89 High St.

City: Penacook Phone: 753-8897

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO X Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: XXX

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1-26-2000 Place: _____

NAME: ARTHUR GLASKI

Business Address: _____

City: MOULTONBORO NH Phone: 476 5670

REPRESENTING: MYSELF

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO ____ Time Needed: _____

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1-26-00 Place: _____

NAME: KATHY GLASKI

Business Address: _____

City: MOULTONBORO Phone: 476 5670

REPRESENTING: _____

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO X Time Needed: _____

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB433 FIREARMS LEGISLATION

Date: 01/26/00 Place: STATE HOUSE ROOM 103

NAME: ROGER HEWETT

~~Business~~ Home Address: 30-B WILLIAM GAGE RD

City: PLAISTOW Phone: 448-3285

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO X Time Needed: _____

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: SB433

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1-26-99 Place: Rm 103 - State House

NAME: James Jones

Business Address: N.H. Fish & Game

City: Concord Phone: 271 3367

REPRESENTING: N.H. Fish & Game Com.

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ✓ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1-26-00 Place: Senate Judiciary

NAME: Mark A. Krochmal

Business Address: 445 Brown Ave

City: Man. Phone: 623-7936

REPRESENTING: Self/Londonderry F+G

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO X Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Rep. Hall

NAME: Rep. Chris Konye

Business Address: The State House, House Democratic Office

City: Concord Phone: 271-2136

REPRESENTING: ___

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ✓ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ✓ Opposing Bill: ___

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 11/26/00 Place: _____

NAME: Mitch Kopacz

Business Address: 44 Hobbs Rd

City: Pelham Phone: 635-8473

REPRESENTING: SELF

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO X Time Needed: _____

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/2000 Place: State house

NAME: Anthony Lamoly

Business Address: 34 Jericho Dr

City: Kingston NH Phone: 603-642-6640

REPRESENTING: Myself

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO ✓ Time Needed: _____

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: State House

NAME: Eileen Lamoly

Business Address: 34 Jericho Dr

City: Kingston Phone: 6426640

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO X Time Needed: _____

Supporting Bill: _____ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Rm 103

NAME: CHARLES LOTHROP

Business Address: PO BOX 6049

City: NASHUA Phone: 603 235-0570

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ✓ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: opposing

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1-26-00 Place: Judiciary

NAME: ANNIE LYCZAK

Business Address: Dover School Dept

City: Dover NH Phone: 431-6152

REPRESENTING: ___

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ✓ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ✓ Opposing Bill: ___

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1-26-2000 Place: State House

NAME: Richard A Miles

Business Address: ___

City: Merrimack NH Phone: 603-424-6988

REPRESENTING: ___

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ✗ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: ✗

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 0433

Date: 1-26-00 Place: JUDICIARY

NAME: DONALD F. MOONEY

Business Address: TDG 232 MILLER RD

City: DALTON Phone: 603-444-6876

REPRESENTING: DALTON GANG SINGLE ACTION SHOOTING CLUB INC

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ✓ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: YES

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 0433

Date: 1-26-00 Place: ___

NAME: NANCY MOONEY

Business Address: TDG 232 Miller Rd

City: Dalton N.H. 03598 Phone: ___

REPRESENTING: Dalton Gang Single Action Shooting Club

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ✓ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: Yes

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: State House

NAME: Glen Dustin Powell

Business Address: ___

City: Canterbury Phone: 783-0489

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO Y Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: Oppose

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: State House

NAME: Rep Leighton Pratt

Business Address: ~~Lo~~

City: Lancaster Phone: 788-4320

REPRESENTING: NOTE - Should be 18 year old

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ___ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Rm 103 STATE HOUSE

NAME: DOUGLAS ROSS

Business Address: RETIRED

City: NEWINGTON Phone: 431.0153

REPRESENTING: Self and Fish + Game Commission

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ~~X~~ NO X Time Needed: ~~5~~

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: SENATE JUDICIARY

NAME: M. SUE RYAN

Business Address: 393 DORCHESTER RD

City: LYME NH Phone: 795-4525

REPRESENTING: SELF

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO X Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON Senate Bill 433

Date: 1/26/2000 Place: Rm 103 State House

NAME: Craig Sanborn

Business Address: Box 104

City: Enfield Ctr. NH Phone: 632-5140

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO X Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1-26-00 Place: W. House

NAME: Tony S. Italia

Business Address: ___

City: Epsom Phone: 736-3320

REPRESENTING: Epsom - Chichester

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO ✓ Time Needed: ___

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: State House

NAME: Ed Suffern

Business Address: 320 North Main St

City: Salem, NH Phone: 603-848-4809

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ___ NO X Time Needed: —

Supporting Bill: ___ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Room 103

NAME: ROBERT A. SUOMALA

Business Address: PO Box 478

City: AMHERST NH Phone: 673 4592

REPRESENTING: SELF

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO ✓ Time Needed: ____

Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB-433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: REP'S HALL STATE HOUSE

NAME: PETER SUTCLIFFE

Business Address: PO BOX 474

City: NEWBURY Phone: 763-5635

REPRESENTING: SELF - FREEDOM

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO ✓ Time Needed: ____

Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: X

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 0433

Date: 1·26·00 Place: State House

NAME: ELWOOD "WOODY" WAGNER

Business Address: PO Box 365

City: Barrington NH 03825 Phone: 603 664-5393

REPRESENTING: myself

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO ____ Time Needed: ____

Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Rep. Hall

NAME: James R. Whittemore

Business Address:

City: Hudson (Pelham Restaurant) Phone: 883-3433

REPRESENTING: Self and family

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO X Time Needed: ____

Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: ✓

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON HJJ

Date: 1/26/00 Place: Senate Judiciary

NAME: Ed Wilber

Business Address: 28 Rt 10 Keene

City: Keene Phone: 352 0860

REPRESENTING: HJJ Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO ✓ Time Needed: ____

Supporting Bill: NO Opposing Bill: ____

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COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 433

Date: 1/26/00 Place: State House

NAME: Ted Wittman

Business Address: 324 North Main St

City: Salem Phone: ~~603-74~~

REPRESENTING: Self

WISH TO SPEAK: YES ____ NO X Time Needed: -

Supporting Bill: ____ Opposing Bill: X

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Testimony



Major Waldron Sportsmen's Association

ESTABLISHED JUNE 19, 1931



Skeet & Trap Fields
Clubhouse — Rte. 9
Barrington, NH 03825

Address All Mail
P.O. Box 314
Barrington, NH 03825

Date: January 23, 2000

To: New Hampshire State Senate Judiciary Committee
Senator Debora B. Pignatelli Chairman
Senator Edward M. Gordon, Vice Chairman
Senator Mary Brown
Senator Burton E. Cohen
Senator Mark D. Fernald
Senator James W. Squires
Senator Rick A. Trombly
Senator Katherine W. Wheeler

From: The Members of Major Waldron Sportsman's Association

Subject: Senate Bills, 0419, 0427, 0433

I am writing on behalf of the 358 members of Major Waldron Sportsman's Association to express our opposition to Senate Bills 0419, 0427, 0433.
As Law abiding Citizens of the State of New Hampshire, Sportsmen, Sportswomen, and gun owners. We believe that the current laws on the books are more than adequate. It is time to prosecute the criminals instead of persecuting the law-abiding citizen.
Restricting the citizen will do absolutely nothing to disarm the criminal.
Our present judicial system does little to punish the criminal.

It is with the greatest respect that we summit that your time as our representatives would be better served if you expended your energy on having the criminal punished. Instead of just adding more laws to the books that do nothing but restrict the law-abiding citizen.

In conclusion:
Put the pressure on the criminal not on us.
Further laws are not what are needed.

Respectfully submitted
For the membership

David C. Tinkham
President
Major Waldron Sportsman's Association

FAX

To: Senate Judiciary Committee 271-2103
From: Stephen Clark King
DATE: January 25, 2000

RE: Written testimony concerning SB433 - Hearing, January 26, Room 103, SH, 11:00 a.m. Bill Title: relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess handguns and ammunition.

Written testimony attached. 2 pages

Stephen Clark King
117 Britton Road
Claremont, New Hampshire 03743

January 25, 2000

Senate Judiciary Committee
New Hampshire Senate
Concord , New Hampshire

RE: Written Testimony SB433- Hearing, January 26, Room 103, SH, 11:00 a.m.
Bill Title: relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess handguns and ammunition.

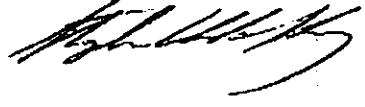
To the Committee:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB433 FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

THIS BILL IS UNNECESSARY

- Title 18 of the U.S. Code--The Gun Control Act of 1968 already requires that a person be 21 years of age to purchase a handgun or handgun ammunition.
- The youth Handgun Safety Act of 1994 already states that a person under the age of 18 may not possess a handgun or handgun ammunition, and it is illegal for a person to provide a handgun or handgun ammunition a person under age 18, except for target shooting, hunting, or certain other exempted purposes. It is interesting that the proponents of this bill have not argued that persons between the ages of 18 and 21 should not vote or be drafted into the military. If 18 year olds aren't considered competent to safely own or possess a handgun, how is it that we can entrust them with the power to vote, own their own homes, raise families, and conceivably alter the results of local, state, and federal elections by voting.
- The Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1996 makes it illegal, regardless of age, to possess a firearm on or within 1,000 feet of school property, with limited exceptions.
- It is currently a violation of New Hampshire law for any person regardless of age to carry a concealed pistol in public without a permit.
- This bill would make it illegal for me to give my nephew a prized Rugar pistol. It would preclude a grandfather or grandmother from presenting a grandson or grand-daughter or other responsible young shooter with a target pistol.
- This bill is simply one more in a series of veiled attempts, on the part of the sponsors, at creating the illusion of a problem which in reality does not exist in this, one of the safest states in the country.
- The bill represents a veiled attempt to limit future gun ownership by restricting access to, use, and ownership of firearms by responsible young people.
- This bill is another example of Senators Cohen and Larsen's ***personal antipathy*** toward firearms and their owners and follows a pattern of creating a strawman and then introducing legislation designed to solve the non-existent problem.
- We are awash in existing, uninforced gun legislation at the federal level. SB433, SB419, SB427 are identical to measures proposed by similar radical, anti-gun zealots in the U.S. Congress who continue to create their own contrived facts to support anti-civil rights positions contrary to federal and state constitutions and long standing American Traditions. Wisely, Congress has seen fit to reject them all.

Sincerely,



Howard L. Wilson
POBox 91
Andover,NH 03216
603-735-5427 after 7PM
stone@endor.com

Judiciary Committee
103 State House January 26,2000 11AM

Re: SB 433

Trust,is not a hallmark of government.Egpecially when the issue is trust of unsupervised "children".And,when the condition "child" is exended to anyone not part of Government,i.e.,any adult citizen,under the age of 95.

SB 433 embodies that principle. NO "child",between the ages of 16 and 21,is to be trusted to use,possess ,or purchase a firearm,with special attention to any handgun,in the mistaken,and "political" belief that,to do so,automatically breeds a murderer.
Yet,is it unknown,that "children" and some few adults,hunt,target shoot,and protect lives and property,with a handgun? I think the reverse is the case (I would suggest that sponsors tap federal{FBI} and state informations,without culling,for biased info to support thier supposition.

In that Government,teaches irresponsibility,encourages the most outrageous of fiction to be broadcast on the airwaves,and restricts the Rights of Self-governing Individuals,to be responsible,Legislation,such as these 3 considered here today,are the norm.

There is an inconsistency,in sponsors premise. In that section of RSA 159:12,as amended (I hope not),offers a misdemeanor for any "presumed stranger",i.e. a firearms dealer,or total stranger (back-alley /Black-market sale) to sell a handgun,only,to a "child",yet,farther down,in RSA 664:15 to be amended (I hope not),the penalty for sale of ammunition to feed such handgun,is a Violation.

In that the inanimate object (as handgun),is more feared,solely due to its shape,and potential for use,wherefore is the penalty lighter,then, for that handgun,fully enabled?? And,in that a large number of firearms owning individuals are Self-governing,Responsible Individuals,how well,will these minimum modifications really aid individuals to learn self-control,self-governance,and Responsibility?

Predicting; Not at all! Therefore,SB 433 should be found Inexpedient to Legislate.

For Liberty,

Howard L. Wilson

Howard Wilson

From: Ken Blevens <kblevens@totalnetnh.net>
To: John & Rosalie Babiarz <Babiarz@endor.com>; Danielle Donovan <liberty@bit-net.com>; Howard L. Wilson <stone@endor.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2000 11:40 AM
Subject: CS

In Memoriam

Three yards of black fabric enshroud my computer terminal. I am mourning the passing of an old friend by the name of Common Sense. His obituary reads as follows:

"Common Sense, a.k.a. C.S., lived a long life but died from heart failure at the brink of the millennium. No one really knows how old he was, his birth records were long ago entangled in miles and miles of bureaucratic red tape.

Known affectionately to close friends as Horse Sense and Sound Thinking, he selflessly devoted himself to a life of service in homes, schools, hospitals and offices, helping folks get jobs done without a lot of fanfare, whooping and hollering. Rules, regulations, and petty, frivolous lawsuits held no power over C.S.

A most reliable sage, he was credited with cultivating the ability to know when to come in out of the rain, the discovery that the early bird gets the worm and how to take the bitter with the sweet.

C.S. also developed sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), reliable parenting strategies (the adult is in charge, not the kid)and prudent dietary plans (offset eggs and bacon with a little fiber and orange juice).

A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, the Technological Revolution and the Smoking Crusades, C.S. survived sundry cultural and educational trends including disco, the men's movement, body piercing, whole language and new math.

C.S.'s health began declining in the late 1960s when he became infected with the If-It-Feels-Good, Do-It virus. In the following decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of overbearing federal and state rules and regulations and an oppressive tax code.

C.S. was sapped of strength and the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, criminals received better treatment than victims and judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional baseball and golf.

His deterioration accelerated as schools implemented zero-tolerance policies. Reports of 6-year-old boys charged with sexual harassment for kissing classmates, a teen suspended for taking a swig of Scope mouthwash after lunch, girls suspended for possessing Midol and an honor student expelled for having a table knife in her school lunch were more than his heart could endure.

As the end neared, doctors say C.S. drifted in and out of logic but was kept informed of developments regarding regulations of low-flow toilets, mandatory air bags and a government plan to ban inhalers from 14 million asthmatics due to a trace of a pollutant that may be harmful to the environment.

Finally, upon word that a North Carolina town council was attempting to restrict front porch furniture to lawn chairs and settees that are aesthetically attractive, C.S. breathed his last.

Services will be at Whispering Pines Cemetery. C.S. was preceded in death by his wife, Discretion; one daughter, Responsibility; and one son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers, Half-Wit and Dim-Wit.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Institute for Rational Thought.

Farewell, Common Sense. May you rest in peace. Hopefully, in a casket the state of North Carolina deems aesthetically attractive."

John Tatone, D.C.

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1/25/00

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN,

THIS LETTER IS TO REGISTER MY OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 419-FN, SENATE BILL 427-FN, AND SENATE BILL 433 TO BE HEARD BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY JAN 26, 10:00 AM.

THANK YOU

1-25-2000 4:25PM FROM DR. JOHN J. TATONE 444 5290 P.1

....I support all three of these bills today but will not take up your time speaking three times.

~~Before you here is one empty pair of shoes. They belonged to my husband. He~~ My husband was murdered by an eighteen year old with a s n s.
I want you just for a minute to imagine 85 pairs of shoes here on this table. That is the number of people in our state who died by a gun related cause in 1997.

~~That's about _____ the number of people here in this room~~.
That's 85 people who are not with with their families who should be. In 10 years that's over 800 NH residents.

The passing of this bill can prevent gun deaths.
This bill is too late for my family, and all the other families of gun victims in this state.

My children and my grandchildren deserve better than this gun crazy environment you passed out to me and my husband.

I am not suggesting that this bill would eliminate NH 85 gun deaths each year.
But if passing this bill can prevent even one death it is a very- worthy____bill.
You will hear many people testify today that people need a gun to protect themselves in their own home.

The gunman who murdered my husband told his defense attorney that he bought the gun to protect himself against thief. I learned at the trial that the eighteen year old gunman fired his gun several times in his own apartment with a room

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full of people before he drove away in his car and fired at my family. The gun was available and used for an evil purpose.

One life was lost and several lives were changed forever, including lives of the family of the gunman, all because one gun was so easy to buy.

We need to do something about this.
You have the power and the responsibility;y to do something by voting yes for this bill.

Let me be very clear about this: THIS BILL IS ABOUT FAMILIES BURYING THEIR DEAD.
As yourself these questions:
Do you personally know anyone who has suffered from gun violence, suicide by gun, or accidental shooting?
Do you personally know of any good that has come from the purchase of a low cost handgun??
If you fail to support this bill today, how will you feel in the future when more people continue to die a gun death?

This issue today is really very simple. It is a choice between the continued proliferation of handguns OR a decrease in gun violence.

A NO vote is a vote for more gun deaths.
A YES vote will tell us that you value human life.

ANNE LYCZAK
~~My~~
Portsmouth, NH

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To :	**Senate Judiciary Committee Room**	**From :**	THOMAS GAGNON
Sent :	1/26/00 at 8:52:14 AM	**Pages :**	3 (including Cover)
Subject :	Committee Meeting, Jan. 26, 2000 10:00 am RM103		

Good Day
Would you please forward this fax to the Senate Judiciary Committee meeting in Room 103 at 10:00am this morning January 26,2000.

Thank You
Thomas M. Gagnon

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To: New Hampshire Senate Judiciary Committee
Room 103
Meeting: January 26th, 2000, 10:00am

Re: Senate bills, 419FN, 433, and 427-FN

Good Day

I am the manager of the Alstead Gun Shop Inc. located in Alstead, New Hampshire.

I would like to register my opposition to this proposed legislation.

With regards to Senate Bill 419-FN, nothing saddens me more than a child being injured by anything. I find it very easy to become upset with a parent or guardian as to the reasons why the injury happened.

Just like the safety of the home or the family car, firearm safety is and always has been the responsibility of the homeowner. If you are going to punish a firearms owner for neglecting to handle firearms safely then we the people expect you to make it an equal crime when someone doesn't maintain the family car properly and a child is injured, or when someone doesn't maintain the home or domicile and the child is injured. We the people expect you to have the prosecutors go after every single case where a child is *injured* in the home, school or highway, and seek criminal prosecution. This is generally perceived as equal treatment under the law!

This proposed legislation is just another attempt by certain political elements to invade the privacy of the citizen in New Hampshire, and dictate how we shall live, another erosion of our personal freedoms.

The onus of responsibility still lies with the owner. There are plenty of pre-existing laws on the books that prosecutors can use if the circumstances dictate, as to whether a person should be prosecuted or not.

This proposed legislation seemingly ignores the "Youth Handgun Safety Act" enacted by the federal government last year.

With regards to Senate Bill 433, this bill is completely an utterly unnecessary. It is already current against federal law to sell a handgun to anyone under the age of 21, and has been for a long time. Just check with the New Hampshire State Police Headquarters. The people in background checks will confirm this.

This proposed legislation is a total waste of the New Hampshire taxpayers time. I do not believe the people of New Hampshire enjoy having elected officials creating redundant red-tape legislation.

With regards to Senate Bill 427-FN, it was and always has been my understanding that a Saturday night special was an illegally made handgun, usually of poor quality, by an unlicensed party. The sponsors of this bill want to broaden the definition of what they think is a Saturday night special in order to attack the firearm manufacturer, several of whom are major employers in the state of New Hampshire.

Section 1 Statement of Purpose is an opinion-laden diatribe, not good legislation.

The most disturbing part of this proposed legislation is part II. Having worked in the firearms manufacturing industry for 17 years of my career I can say without a doubt that the manufacturers in this country spend huge amounts of money and time perfecting their product. How can any intelligent lawmaker claim or infer by such legislation that the manufacturers are not "quality conscious" especially in today's litigious society?

Do the people proposing this legislation even know what "Proof-testing" is? And, that it is a regular part of the manufacturing process?

I would suggest that if this bill were passed then it would give a new outlet to the irresponsible individuals and district attorneys who have brought a number of frivolous lawsuits against the industry in recent times. The State of New Hampshire, having enacted these quality control requirements will become financially liable for defects in workmanship since the State is dictating quality control. This approach also smacks of "Nationalizing" an industry, which if I remember correctly is a function of socialist's regimes.

Sincerely,
Thomas M. Gagnon

January 25, 2000

Senate Judicary Committee
FAX- 271-2103

Mr. Chairman,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of the STATE of N.H. I am asking You and the members of the committee to KILL

The following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill - SB 419-FN - ITS Discriminating to Lawful Gun owners.

Senate Bill - SB 427-FN - IT Hurts Low Income Gun owners.

Senate Bill - SB 433 - a Bill that Denies minors from Becoming familiar with the Safe and Enjoyable use of firearms.

I will Be watching this Closely and will Remember Your votes in November, 2000. General Election.

Thanks For Your Attention to This Very Serious. manner.

Sincerely

Allen J. Smith
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Littleton, N.H. 03561

Attention Senate Judiciary Committee

These three bills 419-FN, 427-FN and 433 will do nothing to deter crime or stop it. The only people that will be affected are LAW abiding voting citizens.

It would be more effective to enforce the present 22,000 guns LAWS we already have on the books than to have more handed LAWS.

Thank You for your time

David M Morrie

David M Morrie
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To: Senate Judiciary Committee
Date: 1/25/00
Fax: 271-2103

FRANKLIN TARGEETERS
36 Myrtle Avenue
Franklin, NH 03235

Re: Senate Bill 419-FN "The Gun Owner Discrimination Bill"
Senate BIll 427-FN "Banning Saturday Night Specials"
Senate Bill 433

We are a gun club and we want to vote against these bills. Our club consists of 105 members and was formed in the summer of 1970.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Lou Stein, Secretary
Franklin Targeteers

January 26, 2000

Senate Judiciary Committee
State House
Concord, NH

Committee members:

I ask that you vote NO on Senate bills 419, 427, and 433.

It has become quite clear that the sponsors' long term goal is destruction of the U.S. Constitution. That is treason.

Anthony F. Amato
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DATE: Jan. 25th, 2000

TO: State of New Hampshire Senate Judiciary Committee

SUBJECT: SB 419-FN

SB 427-FN

SB 433

Ladies / Gentlemen:

By means of this fax I should like to STRONGLY voice my OBJECTION to the above gun confiscation and regulation bills. New Hampshire does not have a gun-related violent crime problem, and bills such as these simply represent continual attempts to chip away at the personal freedoms and liberties of myself and other law-abiding firearms owners.

Please - for the sake of common sense - vote to kill these bills!

Most sincerely,

Robert C. Gillie

Robert C. Gillie

Health Smart Emu Ranch
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SENATOR'S

TO: BURT COHEN, SYLVIA LARSEN, JIM SQUIRES, MARTHA CLARK
MARK FERNALD, CHRISTINE KOMY'S

Fax #: 271-2103

From: OPPOSITION TO —

Message: SENATE BILL # 427-FN AND SENATE BILL # 433

The Following Residents Are Strongly Opposed To Your COMMUNIST, RACIST GUN Bills # SB 419-FN And SB 433. Furthermore Each And Every One Of You Should Resign For Breaching Your ~~OATH~~ OF OFFICE!!

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Age 79
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X Leon Armstrong

William Picken Age 49
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X Anthony E Loiacan

Senate Judiciary Committee
Concord, NH

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a concerned citizen of the State Of New Hampshire, I am asking that you kill the following bills:

SB 419-FN
SB 427-FN
SB 433

As a believer in the US and New Hampshire Constitutions, I think that they are counterproductive
And don't truly reflect the values of New Hampshire residents. Let's not turn New Hampshire into an outlying province of Massachusetts.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Raymond J. Belmore

153 Old Partridge Lake Rd.
Littleton, NH 03561

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: **MARCH 23, 2000**

THE COMMITTEE ON **Judiciary**

to which was referred **Senate Bill 433**

AN ACT ***relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess handguns and ammunition.***

" free copy "

VOTE: **2 / 1**

Having considered the same, report the same without amendment and recommend that the bill: **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Senator Debora Pignatelli
For the Committee

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Bill Title: relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess handguns and ammunition.

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1/5/2000	**S**	Introduced and Ref. to Judiciary; SJ Convening Day, Pg.14
1/6/2000	**S**	Hearing, Jan. 26, Room 103, SH, 11:00 a.m.; SC1, Pg.6
3/21/2000	**S**	Committee Report Ought to Pass; 3/23/2000, SC18
3/23/2000	**S**	Ought to Pass, Sen. Pignatelli Moved Laid on Table, Division Vote, 11y - 10n, MA; SJ 7, Pg.206
5/18/2000	**S**	Inexpedient to Legislate by Resolution, MA, VV ==KILLED== SJ 15, Pg.482

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