

Chairman Kennedy, and distinguished members of this Committee, my name is Beth Utton. I am from Longmont, Colorado and I am appearing today as a concerned citizen. I am testifying in opposition to proposed House Bill 20-1099, Repeal Ammunition Magazine Prohibition.

I want to start my testimony with a quote from an annotation on Colorado Revised Statutes from Rocky Mtn. Gun Owners v. Hickenlooper,

*Quote - This section (18-12-302 Large-capacity magazines prohibited)...represents a reasonable exercise of the state's police power and thus is constitutional because the legislative purpose in enacting the statutes, to reduce the number of people who are killed or shot in mass shootings, reasonably furthers a legitimate governmental interest in public health and safety; the statutes are reasonably related to the legitimate governmental purpose of reducing deaths from mass shootings; and the statutes are not unconstitutionally overbroad because the statutes do not ban virtually all magazines, and limiting magazine size to fifteen rounds of ammunition does not unreasonably burden the right to self-defense. End quote.*

In my research I noted that the attempt to repeal ammunition magazine prohibition has been ongoing since 2016. Nothing has reduced the need for ammunition

magazine prohibition. In fact, the need is growing at an alarming rate.

Large capacity magazines were developed to provide heightened capacity to kill people. Such increased killing capacity is only appropriate, if anywhere, in military situations. In civilian situations, like our daily lives, the capacity to kill more people faster is ~~insane~~. frightening!

I respectfully ask you to vote NO on House Bill 20-1099.

Thank you.