

**TESTIMONY: HB 20 -1099**

Chairman Kennedy and  
Distinguished members of the Committee: my name is Stan Gelb, I'm from Longmont, Colorado, and I am a concerned citizen who is testifying against HB 20-1099, a bill that would repeal existing gun magazine limits.

In our nation, 35,000 people die of gunshots every year. Please note that we're describing 35,000 American citizens shooting to death their family members, friends, neighbors, or themselves. Not even one foreign-born terrorist need apply. By way of comparison, that means that every 20 months, more Americans are shot to death by fellow citizens or themselves than American soldiers that died in the entire eight year Vietnam War.

Anyone with any compassion should be sickened by this self-inflicted ongoing slaughter right here at home. Anyone with any compassion should be horrified that we allow this, and that we choose to have America be the only developed nation in the world that allows such slaughter.

The equation is super simple: larger magazines mean more gunshots, which mean more gun deaths.

I'm guessing that most of those who are testifying for and urging this bill are generally good people. They're probably good to their family, and they probably donate to worthy charities. They are good people who have made just one very bad choice: they've chosen to collaborate with one of

the most vicious businesses in America – the gun manufacturers. Everyone should know by now that the gun manufacturers oppose any and all restrictions on guns, no matter how sensible and life-saving. The gun manufacturers will love this proposed bill because it will lead to more gun deaths, which will lead to more fear, which will lead to more gun sales, which means more gun manufacturer profits. There's another super-simple equation.

This bill is one that will also be loved by would-be mass shooters and serial killers.

America is already awash in gun violence and school shootings. To choose to increase the level of gun violence is pure insanity. I strongly and respectfully urge this committee to reject this, and to vote no on HB 20-1099. Thank you.

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