

Hello, I am Don Macalady, a retired Colorado School of Mines, geochemistry professor, founder of Hunters Against Gun Violence, a national non-profit group promoting gun safety and curbing the proliferation of gun violence. I am here to urge you to vote against this bill:

HB20-1099: Repeal Ammunition Magazine Prohibition

I must begin with the admission that I find the introduction of this bill for the 6th consecutive year an amazing exercise in persistence. Especially when there is absolutely no good reason for such a bill to be passed into law, except perhaps the thrill of shooting many bullets rapidly at a target. I have been hunting big game for over 50 years and I have never needed more than 4 rounds of ammunition at a time.

Magazine Capacity limits ~~SAVES~~ LIVES! Magazines with smaller capacity force a shooter to reload more often, enabling victims a chance to escape or subdue the shooter. Some examples, the Tucson shooter was disabled when reloading, a Seattle Pacific University student was sprayed with pepper spray and then tackled when reloading, at Sandy Hook, as many as 11 children escaped when the shooter stopped to reload. Some other reasons to vote against this bill:

- **High capacity magazines make mass shootings worse by enabling a shooter to rapidly kill large numbers of people without reloading.**
- **In the Aurora Theater shooting, use of a high capacity magazine resulted in 12 people killed and over 58 wounded in just 90 seconds.**
- **An analysis of mass shootings in the United States reveals one variable that has remained remarkably consistent over time: the use of detachable, high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 cartridges.**
- **A study of mass shootings by the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City identified 30 such incidents from 1984-2012 in which semiautomatic firearms (either handguns or long guns) and high-capacity ammunition magazines were used. This includes Virginia Tech (2007), Northern Illinois University (2008), Fort Hood (2009), Tucson (2011), Aurora (2012), Oak Creek (2012), and Sandy Hook (2012).**

Please vote against this dangerous bill.