

**Testimony HB17-1097: Repeal Large Ammo Magazine Ban  
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House Committee on State, Military, and Veterans Affairs**

**My name is Julie Meyers and I am here to testify against HB 1097. I am representing CO Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence.**

**As a retired pediatrician, I was impressed when a piece was published in the Annals of Internal Medicine, entitled "Firearm-Related Injury and Death in the United States: A Call to Action ". Eight national health professional organizations and the American Bar Association made specific recommendations on how to deal with the public health problem of firearm violence. Those 8 organizations are: the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Emergency Physicians, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the American Psychiatric Association and the American Public Health Association. Today I will speak to the section of their call to action that addresses Assault Weapons.**

**"We believe that private ownership of military-style assault weapons and large-capacity magazines represents a grave danger to the public, as several recent mass shooting incidents in the United States have demonstrated. Our organizations believe that a common-sense approach compels restrictions for civilian use on the manufacture and sale of large-capacity magazines and firearms with features designed to increase their rapid and extended killing capacity. It seems that such restrictions could only reduce the risk for casualties associated with mass shootings."**

**These are not political organizations making this statement. They are organizations committed to the health of the majority of the people in this country. It is remarkable that they would take a stand on such a controversial issue.**

**I hope you will follow their lead and vote no on HB 1097.**