

Dear Rep. Long and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you once again to voice my strenuous opposition to S. 141.

Let's not kid ourselves: This bill comes as a result of the massive amounts of money which have been channeled into Vermont by New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg in his national campaign to change state and local laws regarding gun ownership. Far from being a "grass roots" movement as some have claimed, this ploy to irreversibly alter the firearms laws of *the safest place in America* which also currently enjoys the fewest gun restrictions, is fueled almost solely by outside, big money forces who care *nothing* about Vermonters or our way of life, and only seek to further their own nefarious political ends by dethroning a major embarrassment to them -- a politically liberal state with few gun laws and very little violent crime.

S. 141 should be resisted in every manner possible. Organizations such as GunSenseVT have already openly admitted they intend to pass this law...and come back for more. They will not rest until VT is reduced to the gun laws of NY or MA -- both high crime regions where mere possession of an empty ammunition cartridge can lead to prison and a felony conviction.

We must not tread down this slippery, nightmarish slope. Please end this bid to destroy both safety and freedom in VT.

Please vote a resounding NO on S. 141!

Sincerely,

Alex Knight
Marlboro