

Madam and Sir; While I do understand the urgency of firearms falling into the wrong hands I have to weigh the consequences that our great state of Vermont will begin the ball rolling on regulating what has been a unique freedom here with little negative side affect. We have an enormous tourist industry as a haven for sportsman from all over the US and Canada. I can understand this regulation being applied to Southern California and other urban areas and suburbs but here in this mainly rural state I feel the right and honorable assembly should not bow to far left reactionaries and maintain a freedom that goes back before her glorious entry as the 14th state of the union in 1792.

I urge you, Sir and Madam, to vote no on S-169

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