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**(EXTERNAL MESSAGE)Comment(s) Chapter 66-Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions: Article III - Home Shooting Ranges**

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Hello,

I have been a resident of Coventry Connecticut for 25 years. The reason(s) my wife and I decided to move to Coventry was the reputation of this area being quiet, peaceful and laid back.

Unfortunately the above conditions are no longer true. The term of "The Quiet Corner" is non existent.

I along with many other Coventry residents are totally against any home shooting ranges in our town.

At a time when more noise is present with the discharge of illegal fireworks, loud cars and motorcycles with illegal exhaust systems, and the ever present violation of speeding vehicles we do not need to " Add more fuel to the fire ".

Additionally, these home shooting ranges will greatly affect the community and my following remarks must be taken seriously:

Those with PTSD will experience this condition more than ever.

Children playing outside will do so with background noise from gunfire throughout the day along with others who enjoy just being outside.

Then there are the parents who like to take a walk with their children, walk their dog(s), jog, spend time at the playground or enjoying the lakes in town.

Property values will decrease once the town will have approved home shooting ranges. Who will want to purchase a home in Coventry with a home shooting range down the road?

Who will respond to complaints and enforce the proposed rules?

Who will inspect these home shooting ranges to verify that they are in compliance with the ordinances regarding them?

What about the possibility of individuals using home shooting ranges while consuming alcohol or using marijuana or illegal drugs and possibly firing their weapons?

How will residents distinguish between the recreational shooting of firearms and unlawful discharge of firearms on private property.

In closing I want to share a story with you that occurred two years ago.

My seven year old grandson was visiting me and as we were in my backyard gunshot noise erupted a few streets over. He became very upset with the loud noises from the gunfire and visibility upset. He then asked me, " Poppy, is someone firing a gun and I replied, yes Andrew and he then asked "Are they killing people"

The next day I called the police department and they sent a officer to my house. I explained to her what had transpired and gave her the location of the home where the gunfire was coming from.

She returned to my house within ten minutes and explained to me that she talked to the party shooting the gun and told me because he was shooting it into the woods there was nothing she could do.

Coventry does not need home shooting ranges. Those people who support this idea are in the minority and not the majority of Coventry residents and I hope this initiative will become a thing of the past and not a reality.

Sincerely,

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