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Judiciary Committee Testimony

HB 5818: An Act Concerning Lost or Stolen Firearms

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The Connecticut Catholic Conference urges your support of HB5818. This proposed legislation is a positive step in stemming gun violence in our state and would assist our law enforcement agencies in completing their mission. The protection of the citizens of our state from domestic or criminal activity involving firearms should be a priority of this legislature. Almost daily we read of shooting on our city streets, or about domestic disputes that turn violent. Many of these crimes are committed with stolen, or supposedly stolen, firearms. It is especially disturbing when innocent bystanders, in some cases children, have their lives taken by this violence. The state should do all it can to help insure a safer environment for its citizens and protect their lives.

This bill will not infringe on any law abiding citizen's rights to own a firearm. The protection of human life far outweighs any perceived inconveniences this bill may place on the gun owner. HB5818 would aid law enforcement agencies in their work, and hold gun owners accountable for the whereabouts of their firearms.

HB5818 is a bill that is needed in our state to help control gun violence and save innocent lives. The Connecticut Catholic Conference views all life as a very precious gift from God. This bill is a necessary step in protecting that gift.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Reynolds', is written in a cursive style.

Deacon David Reynolds