



Testimony of Brendan Campbell, MD, Director of Pediatric Trauma at Connecticut Children's Medical Center to the Judiciary Committee regarding HB 6901

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Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor, members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Brendan Campbell, I am a pediatric surgeon and the Director of Trauma at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, and a gun owner. I have taken time away from my clinical practice today to voice my strong support of **House Bill 6901, *An Act Concerning Lost Or Stolen Firearms.***

As a trauma surgeon I have taken care of many victims of gun violence and comforted many parents who have lost children from gun-related injuries. I believe that many of these firearm-related injuries and deaths could be prevented through the enactment of common sense legislation such as House Bill 6901. It is much easier to prevent firearm injuries than it is to try and salvage patients who have been injured by gunfire.

As a gun owner and avid hunter, it seems quite fair and reasonable that I am expected to report to police when firearms which I own have gone missing or been stolen. It is my responsibility as a gun owner to make sure that my guns are stored safely and accounted for.

Too many citizens of Connecticut continue to be killed and injured by firearms. I see this first hand on a regular basis. **House Bill 6901, *An Act Concerning Lost Or Stolen Firearms*** makes good sense. I urge you to support it.

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