

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 6901, SB 903, and SB 904
CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF LOST AND STOLEN FIREARMS
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY MARY PELLICCI HAMILTON,
VICE PRESIDENT OF SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE, INC.**

Good afternoon Representative Lawlor, Senator McDonald and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Mary Pellicci Hamilton. I am the Vice President of Survivors of Homicide, Inc, and am submitting this testimony to voice my full support for HB 6901, SB 903, and SB 6904, an act concerning the registration of lost or stolen firearms.

I was born and raised in Stamford and lived there for many years with my family. My father, Joseph Pellicci was murdered by the cowardly act of an illegitimate gun owner 34 years ago. Unlawful gun possession and gun violence took my father's life. The loss was devastating and we live with it every day.

The proposed bill requiring gun owners to report lost or stolen handguns is one I verily support. It is important to me that Connecticut has reasonable and sensible gun laws that protect citizens from violent perpetrators. Without this important bill in place, many guns will continue to flow into the hands of violent felons and at-risk youth. We need your support on this bill to protect Connecticut's citizens. The eventual goal is to decrease illegal gun circulation in Connecticut and ultimately diminish future gun violence that our cities have suffered.

Thank you for your time and consideration and open-mindedness in supporting reasonable gun safety laws.