

**Jamie Smith**

**Judiciary Committee**

**Raised SB 641: An Act Concerning Repeat Violent Offenders (oppose)**

**Raised HB 5876 An Act Concerning Mandatory Life Sentences for Repeat Violent Offenders (oppose)**

**Raised HB 5915 An Act Concerning Persistent Dangerous Felony Offenders (oppose)**

**HB 5035 An Act Concerning Repeat Violent Offenders, Burglary and Pardons and Parole (oppose)**

Today I contacted a real estate agent in another State and I am waiting to see if these 3-strikes laws are passed. If it is, I will be leaving behind my family to move my eldest son away from Connecticut.

I have lived here for some 50 years and worked at my job for nearly 25 years. I will be leaving it all behind over Raised Senate Bill 641: An Act Concerning Repeat Violent Offenders, Raised House Bill 5876 An Act Concerning Mandatory Life Sentences for Repeat Violent Offenders, Raised House Bill 5915 An Act Concerning Persistent Dangerous Felony Offenders, and House Bill 5035 An Act Concerning Repeat Violent Offenders, Burglary and Pardons and Parole. These are laws that could take my son away from me forever for a simple fight.

See my son already has a few strikes against him with violent offense. A few years ago he was in a relationship with a young lady who tormented him, verbally and emotionally abused him until the point he attacked her. He was arrested and served his time in jail. Upon his release when he would not give this same young woman money to buy pampers for a child that was not his, she filed for a restraining order. One Sunday when we went to get my grandchildren for Church, she called the police and had him arrested for violation of a restraining order. Where is the justice in that?

This young lady continues to mistreat my son by holding his children against him. Recently my son got in to a verbal altercation with her current boyfriend. Suppose this current "Boyfriend" decides to get physical with my son and my son fights back? My son will get arrested and charged with a violent felony. Does this mean he deserves life in prison? Go ahead and ask if we have filed all necessary paper work with the court system. Yes! My son pays child support.

Today, or next week when you are discussing these bills, I need you to think about my son and I. I will not be at your hearing, so I am submitting written testimony regarding this issue.

If any of these bills are passed I will be moving from Connecticut, leaving my husband here with my younger children; a college freshman and a high school senior. You will be destroying my family over this. I ask of you to consider us.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Jamie Smith