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Good day ladies and gentleman.

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My name is Noelle Feucht and I am here to voice my opposition to the Micro-stamping bill before us today.

I was born and raised in the Midwest with two incredibly loving parents, my father a welder for John Deere who later became disabled with a broken back, and a working mother who worked 5 jobs to feed her family. I moved to this great state of CT in 1988 and have chosen to make this my home because of its beauty and diverse outdoor activities. I was raised under the beliefs of any good American family being taught to think for myself and learning to choose right over wrong.

This bill before us today is absolutely a 3 fold issue I am personally up against if it is allowed to pass.

1. **I am a SINGLE WOMAN living in CT and a home owner and my second amendment rights to defend myself are in jeopardy.** This bill directly effects my right to protect myself in my home, in my personal life whether it be while out on a date or in a parking lot. Being that I am a woman frequently traveling throughout the state, this bill will absolutely take away my right to carry a newly purchased handgun. Being that there are no manufacturers using this micro-stamping currently, all new handguns would become illegal in this state. I am guaranteed by the 2nd amendment my individual right to defend myself in all of the above circumstances.

2. **I am a FIREARMS ENGRAVER.** Engraving firearms, including hand guns, is my livelihood. If this ban is allowed to pass, my income will be directly affected as well as the sales of new hand guns from everyone from the mom and pop gun supply store as well as such institutions as Cabela's. These gunsmiths, stores and new handgun owners are my customers. These guns can be used for protection, leisure activity at a gun range or for pure collection and decoration. Passing this bill will effect my business and the businesses throughout the state in an already struggling economy.

3. **Lastly, I am the face of an OUTDOOR SPORTSMAN in CT.** I am your neighbor. I am your daughter, I am your sister. I am your wife and I am your friend. I belong to several clubs including Ansonia Rod and Gun, Pahquioque in Danbury, and CT Travelers Sporting Clays Assoc along with hundreds of other women and thousands of men throughout his state, not to mention the countless other clubs that I frequently visit in Connecticut. I want to keep my right to shoot at clubs throughout the entire state and want this to remain the status quo whether it be with a long firearm or a newly purchased handgun at a local indoor pistol range, sporting clays event, or on the skeet and trap field. This is a choice I have made as a free citizen of the country to be able to spend my leisure time as I see fit.

This is the United States of America, and our 2nd Amendment rights are being violated. It is my right guaranteed to me by the Constitution of this United States that I have the right to Bear Arms. Thank you for your time.

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