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Subject: Statement in opposition to the proposed **General Assembly Governor's Bill No. 28 AN ACT CONSOLIDATING STATE AGENCIES AND ELIMINATING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONS.**

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As a property owner and resident of the State of Connecticut I am in complete opposition to this bill. This bill will have an immeasurable impact on Connecticut's law-abiding gun owners by transferring operations of the **Board of Firearm Permit Examiners** to the **Department of Public Safety**.

If this bill is made law an applicant who is denied a pistol permit would have to appeal to the very body, the **Department of Public Safety**, which rejected the permit in the first place. By removal of the independent **Board of Firearm Permit Examiners** it will become harder for law-abiding gun owners to regain their pistol permits if they have been revoked or denied without proper cause. One agency becomes judge and jury over our right to a permit to carry a firearm in Connecticut. I might add that the right to have a firearm is a Natural Right and guaranteed by the US Constitution which is the **supreme** law of the land.

The people of Connecticut must not allow one government agency to decide who can or cannot carry a firearm. I cannot see any benefit for the people of this state to have such a law. I see government tightening its control over who will or will not have a pistol permit.