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Honorable Co-Chairs, Senator Slossberg and Representative Spallone, all members of the Government Administration and Election Committee, My name is Scott Wilson Sr. I am the current President of the "Connecticut Citizens Defense League Inc". We are a gun rights organization with members throughout the State of Connecticut.

On behalf of CCDL and our growing membership, I strongly oppose Section1. Subsection (a) of the Governors Bill 28 based on a potential to fix objectivity, with regards to pistol permit appeals and related matters, requesting the board being moved under the Department of Public Safety. While it is stated in the legislation that the intent is solely for administrative purposes, the propensity for bias by this Agency (DPS) is immeasurable at this point in time. DPS has been the root source of much "gun-restrictive" Bills proposed to the Legislature in Connecticut since before I personally involved myself with firearms rights issues.

The costs associated with maintaining the Board Of firearms Permit Examiners as a standing agency is negligible compared to the loss by permit holders to have legitimate oversight by an agency outside the purview of DPS. This in of itself is would be a conflict for any agency in similar circumstances. Please consider Article I Section 15 in our State Constitution: *"Every Citizen Has A Right To Bear Arms In Defense Of Himself And The State"*.

The BFPE, being a voluntary Board by very concerned and dedicated individuals, with one paid position by the State is a bargain by today's fiscal standards compared to our States current bloated costs. In my opinion, deleting the Board Of firearms Permit Examiners as a sole agency is an un-justifiable move. Our rights as citizens of a Free State are far too important for this legislation to be implemented.

Sincerely,

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