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Dear Senator Joan Hartley, Representative Steven Dargan, Senator Eileen Daly, Representative Ed Jutila, Senator Anthony Guglielmo, Representative Janice Giegler and esteemed members of the Public Safety Committee.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify and offer my support for H.B. 5263, *An Act Authorizing Renewal of State Permit to Carry a Pistol to Revolver by Mail*

This issue was brought to my attention by a constituent who continues to be forced to miss a ½ day of work each time he renews his permit to carry a pistol. As you may know, the current policy requires Connecticut residents to appear, in person, at a designated location each time an individual wishes to renew their permit. If a permit holder lives out of state, however, that person is allowed to renew by mail. I think that this is a double standard that deserves revision.

Unfortunately, the locations where Connecticut residents can renew their permits are limited and may require up to a 45 minute drive. Moreover, the wait to submit one's renewal paper work can be up to an additional 4 hours. This is an unfair burden when you consider that out of state permit holders may simply send in a form with an updated photo and be done with the process entirely.

As was the case with my constituent, many Connecticut residents who must renew their permits in person are forced to take time off from work to do so. This results a loss of wage to the employee and a loss of productivity to the employer. In today's tough economic climate, our residents can ill afford to miss work and lose wages. Not only would this policy change be beneficial to our residents it would also be beneficial to the state by increasing efficiencies with the state's Department of Public Safety. Ultimately, there would be no change to the process renewal requirements themselves, merely an added convenience to our residents by offering a mail in option. I feel strongly that this is a reasonable change to the department's protocol.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts. It's time to afford Connecticut residents that same convenience that has been available to out of state permit holders.