

Public Safety and Security Committee  
Public hearing testimony  
February 10, 2011

*Re: Proposed H.B. No. 5800 AN ACT REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF ALL FIREARMS.*

Testimony of Rita Conrad and Dave Conrad/Pomfret Center:

We respectfully ask our State Representatives to allow this proposal to die in committee for the following reasons:

In our eyes, this is a move towards tyranny by the State of CT. Since the beginning of our history the citizens of this country have relied on firearms to provide food and safety to their family and property. Many homes contain long guns that belonged to their ancestors and have a sentimental value. Others are intended for use in the sport of hunting/target shooting. Where has the respect gone for our history in being named "The Constitution State"?

What cost would it be to the tax payer to implement these laws, maintain the registry, and provide enforcement? With the State facing an austere budget crisis, why would you support such legislation?

What would the cost be to current gun owners and future gun owners to purchase carry/owner permits? The State of CT must realize that these kind of laws only succeed in pushing residents out of Connecticut. With them, goes the tax dollars the state so badly needs.

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