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Testimony

In Opposition of Raised Bill 5800

An Act Requiring Registration of all Firearms

Public Safety Committee

February 10, 2011

Good morning Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan, Senator Guglielmo, Rep. Giegler, and members of the committee. I am writing in opposition of Raised Bill 5800, An Act Requiring Registration of all Firearms.

This bill proposal would not provide any further benefit to the safety of the public or in any way interfere with criminals and mentally unstable individuals obtaining and misusing guns. It would, however, create considerable logistical, financial and even legal problems for law abiding gun owners. It is extremely unlikely that those who use firearms for criminal purposes or those who are mentally unfit to possess firearms would comply with any registration law.

The bill, while well intentioned, will only have a negative impact on the responsible gun owner. Connecticut does not need more restrictive gun laws that further burden law abiding citizens who are committed fully to the proper and safe use of firearms. Rather, effective enforcement of existing criminal laws would have the desired effect without creating excessive and needless costs to Connecticut taxpayers during these tough economic times.

Many thanks for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

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