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Public Safety and Security Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Room 3600  
Hartford, CT 06106

Position: **Support**

**Re: HB 6377- An Act Concerning Firearms Preemption**

Dear Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

The National Shooting Sports Foundation ("NSSF") is the non-profit trade association for America's firearms, ammunition, hunting and recreational shooting sports industry. Our manufacturer members make the firearms used by law-abiding Connecticut sportsmen, the U.S. military and law enforcement agencies throughout Connecticut. This letter is to express our **support** of HB 6377.

The introduction of HB 6377, legislation that seeks to limit the ability of local municipalities to place restrictions on the sale, possession, carrying, and use of firearms that are counter to state or federal law, is necessary to stop would could end up being a nightmare for the State's law-abiding citizens. This legislation would provide for uniform state law regulating firearms and ammunition by preventing localities from passing more stringent gun control laws. Furthermore, state preemption regulating firearms should be enacted by the legislature to avoid the possibility of thousands of separate and conflicting firearm laws across Connecticut.

If HB 6377 passes, municipalities will be prohibited from enacting a crazy patchwork of gun-control laws and regulations. The right of law-abiding citizens to purchase firearms and ammunition seems to be under attack and could vary greatly depending on where they happen to live. In the future, Connecticut could end up with thousands of gun-control laws and regulations affecting gun owners from one local jurisdiction to another, none of which will reduce crime.

It is unreasonable to require citizens, whether residents of a given state or persons passing through or visiting a state, to memorize different laws throughout a state. Citizens with no criminal intent are placed in jeopardy of running afoul of restrictions they don't even know exist. This can affect hunters, target shooters and firearm collectors who travel through multiple jurisdictions on the way to hunting areas, shooting ranges, and exhibitions.

We would urge you to support HB 6377 and allow law-abiding citizens to adhere to one set of laws governing firearms rather than a patchwork set of local laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

Jake McGuigan