

Public Safety and Security Committee

Public Hearing Feb 10th 2011, for SB 695, HB 6185

Establishment of a Gun Offender Registry

Nicholas Payne speaking in favor

Madam Chair, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Nicholas Payne from New Milford and I wish to speak in favor of SB 695 and HB 6185, Establishment of a Gun Offender Registry.

This bracelet was made by my daughter's friends at Northeastern after she was gunned down in her apartment and left to die. It says "RIP Becca" and "You'll Never Walk Alone" as a tribute to the fact she was a Liverpool Football Club supporter. Worse than this, she was apparently shot by mistake by the usual hoodlums who went to the wrong apartment. This bill is designed specifically to address the problem of the usual hoodlums, either deterring them or making life easier for the police when they need to arrest them. I also understand that it already works well in New York and Baltimore

However about a year ago the NRA called me to warn me that Hillary Clinton was conspiring with third world dictators to take away my gun rights. Apparently the third world dictator in question was the President of Mexico. My point is this, you will hear from the people that the NRA was targeting with this kind of twaddle and who don't understand this bill or who are told that this bill is directed at them. I hope as you deliberate, you are not swayed by this shameless pandering. Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen for your time and if Protocol permits it, I would like to give members of the Committee bracelets.

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