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Public testimony for the Appropriations Committee.

I, Jesse Yeager, support the proposed legislation that is being discussed today, March 22nd, 2013. For the record, the legislation is as followed:

- Proposed Bill No. 307
  Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS
  Introduced by:
  SEN. GUGLIELMO, 35th Dist.
  AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.
  Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:
  That the sum of one million dollars be appropriated to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, for the state-wide firearms trafficking task force.

- Proposed Bill No. 5561
  Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS
  Introduced by:
  REP. TONG, 147th Dist.
  AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.
  Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:
  That section 29-38e of the general statutes be amended to require that the state-wide firearms trafficking task force be fully funded to the extent necessary to accomplish the duties of the task force.

These are the first proposals towards curtailing the use of firearms in crime. Funding the State Wide Firearms Trafficking Task Force will be a benefit as they will be able to enforce firearm laws that are already "on the books." There is no benefit in enacting more legislation when the state already has legislation in place that can be enforced if this funding is provided. Providing this funding is a start towards focusing on the perpetrators of violence and the illegal use or possession of firearms. Those who commit crime are called CRIMINALS. There is no reason to penalize law abiding gun owners by enacting more legislation and stripping their rights when they are not the ones committing the firearm violations. Please provide this requested funding so that there can be a focus on the problem which is the lack of enforcement of current laws.