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Testimony to the Joint Committee on Judiciary, April 15, 2013
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Senator Coleman, Representative Fox and distinguished members of the Committee, The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association is **OPPOSED** to certain language contained within Raised Bill 6702 – An Act Concerning Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Specifically, Section 19 of the proposed bill would require local police officers or state troopers to facilitate the transfer of a firearm from a person who has become disqualified from such possession to a person who is properly qualified for possession.

The proposed bill would require a law enforcement officer to accompany the ineligible person to the transaction where the transfer to an eligible person would take place.

Such a requirement would be overly burdensome on municipal and state police officers and in all likelihood create an unnecessary special relationship between the police and another person. Police officers forced into these situations would essentially become personal security officers for the duration of this transaction.

The law in its current state has required such transfers to take place *without* police involvement for several years without incident. The addition of this new provision is not wise and is likely to have greater legal implications and logistical complications than contemplated by the author.

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association asks the Committee to strike the new language in lines 590 through 600.

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