

## Testimony for SB 123

Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am Robin Emond from the town of Cheshire. First I will say Thank-you to Senator Joe Markley and Representative Al Adinolfi for co-sponsoring this Bill.

**I am here in full support of SB123 –AN ACT REPEALING THE RISK REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM**

From the day the Risk Reduction Credit Program was enacted I felt offended even violated by my government. To think that our own government would actually give violent criminals an opportunity to earn credits to get out without fulfilling their sentence is like giving them a “Get out of Jail Free” card. Except this isn’t a game. Innocent law abiding citizens have been victimized, murdered and raped. by these people,

“If only we can save one life” that statement has been repeated over and over by legislators and the anti-gun groups. Tell me- Why is this dangerous bill still on the books- Why wouldn’t the Bill have been repealed almost instantaneously when there was the first victim of an Early Release prisoner or the second or third. “If only we can save one life”? Really? This Early Release program is just one more reason why EVERY citizen in CT should own a gun. We must be able to protect ourselves and our families from violent early release prisoners that our government has thrust upon the good law abiding citizens of CT.

I have noticed that there are many other bills addressing the Risk Reduction Credit Program, but what I see is that there are exceptions for those already in the program. How will this make anyone safer? How many more violent Crimes committed by these early release prisoners is to many?

How many are already enlisted in this program-50? 100? 500?

This bill ahead of you today- will stop violent criminals, who may become or continue to be, repeat offenders, from being released onto the streets of Connecticut.