

March 13, 2013

Dear Members of the Committee:

My name is Meagan Acampora of Woodbridge, CT

Please except my gratitude for your efforts in protecting and servng the people of Connecticut. I am providing my written testimony because I am unable to attend the meeting.

I am an active voter and member in my community. I have six beautiful children. One of my children is confined to a wheelchair. As a woman I am an easy target for violent acts, but as a caregiver to a young person in a wheelchair I feel very vulnerable. This is one of my reasons for being a legal law abiding permit to conceal carry member of this society.

I strongly oppose any new firearms related bills that will only apply to those already abiding by the laws. Once the law officials have convinced violent gang members and criminals to hand over there illegal firearms and illegally obtained large round magazines then these bills could be revisited.

SB299 - AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNICATION AMONG STATE AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS DURING ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS. **I support this bill.**

SB505 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE A RIFLE. **I am opposed to this bill.** My children can enlist and serve in the armed forces without my permission at age 18. My children would be able to defend our country, but not be able to hunt at the same age. Having the knowledge to hunt should be a requirement for young adults and not right handed to them by a committee.

SB506 - AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PRIVATE FIREARM SALES
I am opposed to this bill. This will add unneeded additional expense and burden to private sales.

SB710 - AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR GUN SHOWS

I am opposed to this bill. The increase to a sixty day window is obviously just trying to make it more difficult to have a gun show. Also, there are no standards for suitability stated in the proposed bill. This leaves the decision up to the digression of the local police chief.

SB897 - AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION OF FIREARMS

I am opposed to this bill. You are not operating a firearm while carrying. This bill is too strict. Compare this to a bill stated "No person shall sit in a fueled vehicle while under the influence" because they may make a bad decision and decide to drive it.

SB1071 - AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND

I am opposed to this bill. This is taxation and will not curb gun violence. You are using a tragedy to increase tax revenue. This will not promote small business.

SB1076 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE

I am opposed to this bill. This is an increased to the definition of Assault weapon to include firearms that truly are not assault weapons. The current ban has not helped reduce gun violence. Increasing the definition will only make criminals of current law abiding citizens.

HB6162 - AN ACT CONCERNING INELIGIBILITY FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER OR AN ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE BASED ON A PRIOR HOSPITALIZATION

I am opposed to this bill. This will include individuals that may or may not have mental issues and may inadvertently have effect on others. This bill would need to be carefully thought out.

HB6251 - AN ACT REQUIRING FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PRIOR TO THE SALE, DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF ALL LONG GUNS

I am opposed to this bill. Fingerprints are already on record for all permit holders.

HB6595 - AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS NEAR PRIVATE RESIDENCES

I am opposed to this bill. This will eliminate the ability for individuals to have private ranges on their personally owned property. Many of them do already exist. Also Farms need this ability to protect their livestock

HB6598 - AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PROTECTION

I am absolutely opposed to this bill. This grants the ability to search and seizure which should be protected by our 4th amendment rights.

Thank you

Meagan Acampora

Meagan@acampora.com

203-397-8918