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My name is Kevin Carrier and I am from Farmington. I would first like to thank members of the Public Safety and Security Committee for giving myself and everyone else here the chance to speak today.

I have looked through all 11 bills but the one I am most concerned about is SB1076. I have read through the entire bill. After doing so, I could not figure out how anything in this bill would take the gun out of the hands of a bad person. One might say it could decrease availability but the only people it will affect are the ones who follow the rules.

What happened in Newtown is indescribably horrific. If I thought that even one thing from this entire bill could have stopped, or even influenced what happened, I would be speaking FOR the bill instead of against it.

Firearms have been a part of my life since I was a child. My four siblings and I are fortunate enough to have had that experience. We have also been fortunate enough to be taught the safety and respect of ALL firearms by the two greatest teachers we've ever had. These teachers are my mother and father. This experience is what is missing from society today.

I will not go as far as saying that there is no legislation that can stop this, but SB1076 is certainly not it. The majority of SB1076 was designed more to punish the safe gun owners like my siblings and I, rather than actually reducing gun violence.

In closing, I would just like to remind everyone that the official police report from the Newtown shooting has not yet been released. This is what should be the foundation of any proposed legislation. I hope that we are able to get the facts before anything is passed.