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To: JudTestimony
Subject: Public Testimony: Support for Bills SB650 and HB6848

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in regards to bills SB650 and HB6848.

I respectfully ask that you support all three bills because they will enhance the safety of all of Connecticut's citizens.

Bills SB650 & HB6848 will add clarity to current laws providing protection via restraining orders. As a victim of domestic abuse, I had used the restraining order process in the course of a divorce action. The two weeks between getting the restraining order and appearing in court were the scariest in my life. My ex-husband had already been violent and continued to threaten violence during that 2 week period, including actually running me off the road with his car when we accidentally ended up on the *Highway* at the same time. I sincerely fear what could have happened had he been in possession of a firearm.

Opponents to these laws object on the basis of the accused's loss of rights and due process. Current restraining order laws already limit those rights and provide a timely cure for due process. The implementation of the proposed laws will do what the restraining order intends: to protect the accuser from physical violence by the accused.

Please support these bills. In cases where there is a conflict between gun rights and life, I implore you to choose life. I urge you to vote yes on these bills.

Sincerely,

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